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Who will be at Barry's High Street Fayre

By GEM REPORTER

HIGH Street Traders' Association is hosting a summer fayre in High Street, Barry this Saturday, August 12, from 11am until 4pm – and there are whispers in the galaxy that a certain Time Lord will be landing in his Tardis!

The traders are advising people to bring their camera and "best smile" because he's very friendly to Earthlings.

There will be many other attractions – free workshops, demonstrations and games for families to get involved in, not to mention cream teas, strawberries, music and the Mayor of Barry in the stocks!

Traders will also showcase their skills on the day.

There will be a children's craft tent run by Homenade Wales and a flower-arranging competition.

(Turn to page 3 to find out more).



ACES HIGH!

By GEM REPORTER

THE Red Arrows Aerobatic Team thrilled huge crowds at Barry Island on Sunday, August 6, with a stunning display of precision flying.

Over the last 52 years, the world-famous team has performed in 57 countries – and local spectators were able to see what makes the team so special.

John Buxton, of Barry Tourist Railway, who helped to organise the Red Arrows' visit, described it as "one of their best ever displays".

"I'm so pleased that the weather conditions permitted the RAF Red Arrows Aerobatic Team to put on a scintillating display at Barry Island this year!"

"I've been to many Red Arrows' displays in the past and can say that this was definitely one of their best ever."

"Whitmore Bay provides a perfect natural 'amphitheatre' for such an airborne display. I was told at the weekend that Barry Island is a venue that the team is always pleased to visit."

"It was also great to see that so many people come to Barry Island to witness the spectacle, and pleasing that most people appeared to stay on to enjoy the other special attractions at the resort, including the 'Airtime Circus' plus our own Toy Fair and Barry at War Museum."

"The event's prime sponsor is our sister company, Cambrian Transport Ltd, but we were pleased to have secured further support from Persimmon

Homes, Marco's Café and other Barry Island traders this year."

Mr Buxton is keen that the Red Arrows' display should become an annual event.

"We worked closely with the local authorities to stage the event and were grateful to the Vale Council who arranged the super public-address system, which enabled one of the Red Arrows team to provide a commentary during the display."

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Brexit: the people have spoken!

I READ the GEM letter from Peterston-super-Ely regarding the recent Brexit vote only being 'advisory'.

In 1975, we had a referendum to join the then EEC, now the EU, which the majority voted in.

I understand that the result was 'advisory'.

The then Tory Government took us into Europe – as they

are now taking us out – but we still keep getting letters in The GEM from the remaners, complaining about the result.

What next after two referendums – rock, paper, scissors, tiddlywinks?

What will make these remaners happy? The people have spoken, the votes have been counted – the result is Brexit.

Ashley Wallace, Barry.

'NO CHOICE FOR VOTERS'

I SUPPORT the arguments made in the letter by Jean Silvan Evans in last week's edition of The GEM that 84 per cent did not vote for Brexit.

In our 'first past the post' voting system, voters have no choice but vote Labour or Tory in most constituencies, unless they want to waste their vote – often voting against the less

likeable party than the one they voted for.

It does not mean they necessarily support the Remain/Leave stance of either party.

I voted Remain and Labour, and I have not changed my mind, so I too am not in that spuriously conjured-up figure of 84 per cent.

It really is revealing that arguments offered by Leavers seem to fit that definition.

Marc Delaney, Barry.

Women's pensions: 'inconvenient truth'

I SEE in your newspaper that the WASPI advocates (Labour politicians to a man) using the campaign to knock the UK Government, have been at it again...

"The Tories should have informed women before they did in 2010!" they shout.

Well, that is quite possibly true. The Conservative Government in power when the original pensions legislation was passed in the House of Commons in 1995 could

have, perhaps should have, made the public aware before it was removed from Government in 1997 by Blair's Labour.

The real scandal, however, is that the Labour Governments from 1997 to 2010 did nothing to advise women of what would happen.

The Tories did so within months of forming the coalition Government in 2010.

That Labour failed to do so, surely, is the sting in the tail for Labour's vociferous WASPI supporters.

A T Forbes, Llantwit Major.

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'Elite will do anything to make EU work, whatever the cost to residents'

I READ with interest your letter from Labour supporter Jean Silvan Evans in The GEM last week.

I suppose she must know what the voting figures for the referendum for the new Welsh Assembly in 1997 were?

The result was a 50.3 per cent to 49.7 per cent split for, and that only 6,721 people made the difference. Did Jean think that was a "landslide" majority?

Only 50.22 per cent of the eligible electors, bothered to vote. Which if you follow the maths, slightly more than 25 per cent of Welsh voters actually wanted a Welsh Assembly.

Would she ask for a second referendum now that we know what they do? I would like one, because we have had to use a begging bowl to Europe ever since. Tony Blair's Labour, has a lot to answer for.

In our EU referendum, 72.21 per cent of the electorate of Great Britain voted, the largest ever, the leave majority was 1,269,501.

Even in Wales, the split was 52.5 per cent to 47.5 per cent for leaving, with a 71 per cent turn out – a majority of 82,025.

All the Labour-held seats voted leave. Does she think that her Labour compatriots who voted leave are morons and racists, who did not know what they were voting for? Look at the EU problems and the countries of southern Europe – 50 per cent youth unemployment, debt levels in the Eurozone are 90.4 per cent and uncontrolled immigration from outside Europe.

This should demonstrate to anyone with a thought for the future that the elite in Europe will

do anything to make the EU work, no matter what the cost to the people who live there.

Before you think of a second referendum, remember they do not work well in the EU. In 2001, 2005 and 2008, some countries made a futile attempt to change things. They re-negotiated with the EU, got a Cameron-type response, revoted to accede and nothing in the end actually transpired; they were conned. I voted to leave and that is what will happen. We have been governing ourselves since 1707. We do not need help from a mainly unelected EU gravy train dictatorship to do this.

Now the EU are claiming that they have prevented a war in Europe since 1945 (let's forget about the Balkans War, 1991 to 1998, and the Ukraine uprising, 2004 to 2014).

This is an escape the Remaners seem to be afraid of – get off your backside and help with your future, why are you complaining?

Remember, an EU grant is your money – it does not come from a student-supported money tree. Do you really believe the people in the UK are incompetent, radical right-wing, centrists, and useless racists?

I am a floating voter and vote for people who will help our nation today – not yesterday.

And, finally, did she know that "the bankers and multinationals have powerful lobbying positions in Europe and if you come in on their terms, they will tell you what you can and cannot do" – a quote from a speech made by Tony Benn on March 25, 2013, a highly-respected Labour man.

Jeff Goodwin, Llantwit Major.

'The council must wake up to incinerator dangers'

THE Docks Incinerator Action Group (DIAG) would like to express its gratitude to the Leader of the Vale Council for coming out against the incinerator on Barry Docks.

Biomass, the developers of the incinerator, have replied to the 70 questions that Natural Resources Wales (NRW) asked them. Their replies are buried within a massive 1,000-plus page document.

DIAG are currently picking through this opaque and convoluted tome, examining the validity of Biomass's responses. We believe that many are inadequate.

So far, DIAG's main concerns are the risks to both the health of local people and to the finances of the Vale Council.

There is still no plan to respond to an accidental fire at the site. Such incidents are common, and can force nearby residents to evacuate their homes. But no plan is in place for how to achieve this in

Barry's crowded side streets. There is no plan to re-house people in an emergency, no help for the infirm or elderly, no arrangements for continued schooling for affected children. There is no plan for cleaning up the pollution left in the aftermath of a fire. Pollution that seeps into the dock will have to be cleared, but this would be difficult and very expensive.

The Vale Council must wake up to the dangers of the incinerator regarding health and financial implications.

They must act now, or they will miss the opportunity to make representations to Natural Resources Wales, to ensure that all health and safety regulations are strictly enforced.

The council has previously claimed it has no part to play in the process with NRW. We believe they are badly wrong about this, and that they must act on their obligations to protect the people of Barry. Alexis Liosatos, Chairman of DIAG.

Who signed petition?

WITH reference to the letter in The GEM of July 27 regarding Barry's Memorial Hall, I have visited the Memo and the cinema on several occasions, but I haven't seen many of the 10,000 people who signed the 'Save our Cinema' campaign there. Ashley Wallace, Barry.

Solution to bus problem

I HAVE total sympathy with the residents of Highlight Park, who are left with no bus service every afternoon and all weekends.

This unacceptable situation is harder to accept while the T9 bus rattles along Port Road, polluting the air and only carrying the driver.

Two other services circle the town, numbers 97 and 97a; wouldn't it be a good idea to take bus 98 off the road and extend one of those services to include Highlight Park?

One less driver and one less bus – and a problem solved, as far as I can see.

Malcolm Wilson, Barry.

Who are these buses for?

WE were extremely disappointed to see the recent revisions to the 98 bus service between Highlight Park and King Square, Barry.

Despite repeatedly highlighting the problems with the operator, Cardiff Bus, we have seen no meaningful change to the timetable at all!

This vital route remains totally useless to anyone starting work early in the morning, or with appointments in the afternoon, and finishes far too early to help people returning home from work later in the day.

You have to wonder who they're aiming the

service at?

We all know that Welsh Government cuts to the Bus Service Operators Grant have led to the loss of services across the Vale, but this route is a vital lifeline for Barry residents, who could struggle to access vital medical appointments without a proper, reliable service.

Meanwhile, the Welsh Labour Government has just made the T9 free on the weekend, increasing its taxpayer-funded subsidy by tens of thousands of pounds a year. You couldn't make it up!

Councillors Vincent Bailey and Leighton Rowlands, Barry.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 17)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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12 Sat	10.10	9.5	22.31	9.4
13 Sun	10.49	9.3	23.09	9.1
14 Mon	11.30	8.9	23.58	8.7
15 Tues			12.24	8.5
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17 Thur	02.15	8.1	14.56	8.2

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As Barratt hosts exhibition... DINAS POWYS GROUP SOUNDS A WARNING 'BY-PASS IS VITAL'

'WITHOUT a by-pass, there's no way an estate of 230 houses being planned at the former St Cyres site can go ahead' – that was the message delivered to house builder Barratt Developments by a Dinas Powys campaigning group last week.

Today, Thursday, August 10, Barratt is holding a public exhibition from 2pm until 8pm at Dinas Powys Parish Hall to showcase their plans for the site, writes **TIM CHAPMAN**.

Dinas Powys By-pass Steering Group say the company has informed them that it will be applying for detailed planning shortly, with the expectation of using Murch Road and Murch Crescent as their only access during construction – and it would be the one used by future new home owners.

Andy Robertson, of the Dinas Powys By-Pass Steering Group, told The GEM: "They didn't seem to be aware of the strength of feeling in the area about these plans."

"We told them that local Vale councillors are against the St Cyres' application relying on the Murch Crescent access."

"Their proposals also go against the Local Development Plan (LDP). It states that all new developments that have a direct impact on the strategic transportation infrastructure will be required to deliver appropriate improvements to the network."

Barratt would like to build 50 houses a year on the site, starting at the end of summer next year.

Mr Robertson said: "That would make life unbearable for the residents of Murch Crescent and Murch Road for nearly five years. Not only for residents, but visitors to the health centre and young children at the infant school on Cardiff Road."

"Then there's the question of the construction traffic; in particular, blocking Murch Crescent for ambulances and other emergency vehicles."

He added that it wouldn't just be the inconvenience to everyone, but a matter of road safety, noise and pollution.

The former St Cyres school land was put out to tender by the previous Labour-controlled Vale Council. Barratt won the tender, but completion of the sale is subject to full planning permission being granted. The development has been reduced by 70 houses because rare dormice were discovered inhabiting an area of the land.

Mr Robertson said: "We tried to convince the developer to delay their plans until a by-pass is built, but, of course, we were unable to give them firm dates for the project."

DIAG meeting at King Square

by **TIM CHAPMAN**

AS campaigners count down the days to the end of a consultation period, the Docks Incinerator Action Group (DIAG) has announced it is going to hold a public meeting in King Square, Barry.

The meeting will take place on Saturday, August 19, at 12 noon.

Earlier this year, hundreds of people attended a meeting at the same location in opposition to the Biomass UK No2 plant being granted a licence.

Following speeches, they marched down Holton Road, with banners declaring their opposition to the plant, which remains under construction at the docks.

The new consultation period comes to an end on Monday, August 28. It was granted by Natural Resources

Wales (NRW) after the body requested further details from Biomass UK No2 Ltd on how the plant would operate.

DIAG chairman Alexis Liosatos told The GEM: "DIAG is holding an important event for Barry town, a public protest on King Square, on Saturday August 19, from 12pm until 3pm."

"It will be a family event – there will be music, as well as speeches and stalls."

"We are protesting the incinerator, the pollution and the health risks that it will bring to the people of Barry."

"Please attend, bringing family and friends if possible, to show that the people of Barry are united against the incinerator coming to our town."

Biomass UK No2 Ltd says the project does not pose any problems to health and says it would be supervised within the terms of the licence.

Last week, the Vale Council's cabinet examined the 'Stage 1' report of consultants Arcadis on improving the transport corridor through Dinas Powys.

A list of options was reduced to just two, a by-pass and a 'multi-modal proposal' engaging with public transport, walking and cycling. These will now be investigated in detail to arrive at a preferred solution by spring of next year.

Mr Robertson added: "Consultants for the Vale Council revealed over-capacity on Murch Road in 2013. By 2026, they estimated traffic would back up on week days from the Cardiff Road traffic lights to the health centre. And now developers want to add up to another 1,000 vehicle trips daily!"

Zoe Aubrey, planning manager for Barratt Homes South Wales, told The GEM that a pre-application consultation begins tomorrow, Friday, August 11: "As a five-star housebuilder, we are committed to working closely with the communities where we are looking to build, and we always welcome and consider the views of local residents."

"The public exhibitions give all stakeholders the opportunity to see our plans in detail and give us their feedback ahead of any planning application."

"At this stage, we have undertaken the necessary traffic assessments on the Dinas Powys infrastructure and will undertake any reasonable mitigation works to the network, that may be required as part of the planning consent."

"The traffic assessment report will be available for public viewing on www.barrattsouthwalescommunity.com as part of our consultation process."

She added: "The formal pre-application consultation will begin, via the above website, on Friday, August 11, for 28 days."

"As with all development plans, we will continue to work closely with the local residents and the planning authority."

Barry coach company has its licence revoked

THE Traffic Commissioner for Wales, Nick Jones, has revoked the transport licence of Barry-based Harton Coaches Ltd, after concluding that public safety and the safety of schoolchildren "must take precedence".

The industry regulator found that maintenance standards at the firm were "unacceptable", while the bus service it operated from Barry Waterfront to Culverhouse Cross didn't run to the timetable.

Mr Jones added: "The business must close in the interests of road safety and public protection."

The regulator found that the company could no longer satisfy the mandatory requirement of professional

competence and revoked its operator's licence under sections of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981.

A Vale Council spokesperson said it had ensured an immediate provision for local schoolchildren:

"On learning Harton Coaches' licence to operate bus services had been revoked by the Traffic Commissioner, the Vale Council took immediate action, terminating contract agreements with the company, and making alternative arrangements for the four school services they operated within the county."

• *The GEM attempted to contact Harton Coaches Ltd for a response, but a phone message said that no one was available to receive a call.*

'Rainbow coffee' for Macmillan

THE 'rainbow women's group' is holding a Macmillan coffee morning on August 23 at the Margaret Alexander Hall, Alexandra Crescent, Barry, CF62 7HU, from 11am until 3pm.

A spokeswoman said: "Cake, tea, coffee will be served" – and added that "all are welcome."

Resident dumps black rubbish bags, but on another street

RESIDENTS in Pyke Street, Barry, have been left "fuming" because someone from Court Road nips through a back lane to dump rubbish on their street and the bin bags are then ravaged by seagulls, a GEM reporter writes.

Court Road and Pyke Street have rubbish picked up on alternate Fridays.

A Pyke Road resident told The GEM: "Someone who lives in Court Road is bringing their rubbish through the lane that backs onto the houses of Pyke Street, and then dumps their bags outside the gates to the lane."

"The person is doing this because the black bags are collected every other week, and their black bag collection was the previous week."

"The bags were dumped last Tuesday evening (August 1) and our rubbish collection was not due until Thursday."

"I called the council who said they would log it as a 'commodities complaint' and an

enforcement officer will be informed."

The resident praised the council for its quick response.

"In fairness to the council, their workers were out quickly and the rubbish was picked up on the Wednesday at around 3pm."

"However, by that time the seagulls had destroyed the bags, there was food and rubbish strewn all over the pavement. It causes residents and the council a lot of inconvenience."

One Pyke Street resident has seen a person coming down the lane with a wheelie bin and emptying the bags onto Pyke Street.

The bags are regularly dumped by the gates.

Coun Geoff Cox, Vale of Glamorgan cabinet member for neighbourhood services and transport, said: "The council's environmental enforcement officers are continuing to investigate and remind residents that it is an offence to discard litter and refuse."

"If found guilty of a littering offence, an offender may receive a £75 fixed penalty notice, or be fined up to £2,500 in a Magistrates Court."

'Shop Local' campaign to launch at High Street Fayre

(Continued from page 1).

There will also be furniture painting demos by Aspirations UK, demonstrations by Beautiful Lily, and balloon modelling workshops and demos by Dr Bob.

Muddy Pawz is hosting a dog show, which will run throughout the day, and Babi Bach will be running storytelling sessions.

A number of local charities and community groups will also be taking part, such as Soroptimist International Barry and District, who will be running a homemade cake stall.

Barry Round Table, Newydd Housing and Barry Community Choir will also be joining in the fun.

The fayre will see the launch of the council-backed 'Shop Local' campaign, which has

been created to encourage the people of Barry to support their local independent traders.

Leanne Wood, chairperson of the High Street Traders' Association, said: "This is a new event for High Street."

"We're keen to make it a celebration of the local community and our place in it, which is why we're delighted to be launching the 'Shop Local' campaign."

"The campaign is crucial in reaching out to residents of the town, and letting them know about the amazing boutique shopping areas they have on their doorsteps."

Free parking for the public has been arranged at the BSC2 car park (former Barry College IT Centre car park) on Hood Road.

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Rotarians spread 'Message in a Bottle'

Past president Peter Battle and Barry Rotary president Jill Osborne with members of the Barry Blind and Partially Sighted Club.



THE Rotary Club of Barry continues to support its local community with the emergency information scheme known as 'Message in a Bottle' and on Tuesday, August 1, visited the Barry Blind and Partially Sighted Club in the Pioneer Hall on Beryl Road to distribute bottles to the members.

Rotarian Peter Battle explained to the members how the Message in a Bottle scheme works. Each bottle contains a form

that should be completed with details of the person's name, date of birth, medication, medical conditions and who to contact in an emergency.

These details are stored in the bottle, which is to be kept inside the fridge door. Two matching labels, known to the emergency services and other care agencies, are displayed inside your home – one inside the front door and one on the outside of the fridge door.

If there is more than one person in the household who may benefit from this scheme, each should use a separate bottle and clearly label them.

The scheme has proved invaluable and if someone is ill or unconscious, information is readily available to assist the emergency services to give the best possible assistance without delay.

Barry Rotary Club meets weekly in the Glenbrook Inn, on Thursdays, from 6pm. For further information, call club secretary Phil Hunt on 01446 720000 or look online at www.rribi.org.

The Barry Blind and Partially Sighted Club meets weekly in the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry, on Tuesdays from 2pm to 4pm and welcomes new members.

Penarth walkers take a ramble through Rhoose

ON a dry but very breezy evening, following a day of showers, a group of eight walkers joined Joy from Penarth and District Ramblers with her dogs Bracken and Bronte at Rhoose Railway Station, for an evening ramble.

Heading westwards into a strong breeze, a circumnavigation of a huge field led them southwards to join part of the Wales Coast Path overlooking the Bristol Channel, where the sea was very rough.

Crossing a footbridge and heading up steps to follow the cliff path to the flooded quarries at Rhoose Point on land reclaimed from its former industrial use and sculpted by Blue Circle Cement, they paused at the huge lump of slate imported from the northernmost tip of mainland Wales, which marks the southernmost tip of mainland Wales.

Continuing along the narrow cliff path sheltered from the prevailing wind by trees, and descending steps to a small meadow, they saw the only reminder of fields that once formed Happy Valley. Turning inland to cross Bryn y Gloyn, a pathway which circumnavigates an old quarry, where a housing development now stands, led them uphill on a zig-zag path to Trem Echni. Heading through houses and up new steps to cross the main railway line, a pathway between high hedges led them northwards to emerge beside a new housing development at Golwg y Mor and out onto Porthkerry Road. Turning west, some pavement walking led the group along Porthkerry Road to Rhoose Road and passing the old village pump, they headed south again back to their start point after a delightful three mile walk.

On August 12, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 10-mile moderate walk in North Gower; contact Clive on 029 2065 4156.

On August 13, meet at 9.30am at Cogan for a nine-mile hard walk taking in Pontypridd and Penrhys Shrine with the return from Lhwynypia to Ponty by train; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On August 16, meet at 8am at Cogan for a 16-mile moderate/hard walk taking in Ross-on-Wye, King's Cople and Brampton Abbott's; contact William on 07528 701 952.

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'Incinerator process is incorrectly described'

NRW are still wrongly describing the incinerator process as

"gasification... heating waste wood at a high temperature without burning to generate a synthetic gas (similar to natural gas), which is then burnt to generate steam and electricity".

The process doesn't generate any gas, but burns it all off.

Intermediate gases are quite different from natural gas (largely methane), being hydrogen and carbon monoxide. At the very high temperatures (900 Celsius), these could be more explosive than methane.

The NRW alternatively call it an "energy plant", as in The GEM's article of July 27. Yet it would waste most of the energy output via a huge bank of air condensers.

How can Barry people trust NRW when they continue to give controversial descriptions of this incinerator for burning contaminated waste wood?

Max Wallis, Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth.

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Is it time to bring the German-style 'synchronised' traffic lights to the Vale?

by GEM REPORTER

A WENVOE resident has pointed out that there are now SEVEN sets of traffic lights from the village to B&Q just off Culverhouse Cross roundabout – and none of them appears synchronised to help traffic move smoothly.

Like many local residents, Alun Davies regularly travels along Port Road in his car, but he said villagers were starting to question the thinking behind the new road layout on the way to Culverhouse Cross.

Mr Davies explained: "People in Wenvoe wonder which bright spark in the Vale highways department designed the new traffic improvements in the Port Road-Culverhouse Cross area.

"For example, to travel the half mile from Wenvoe to B&Q in Cowbridge Road West, we have to pass through



seven sets of traffic lights – that amounts to one set of traffic lights every hundred yards – and none of them are synchronised!

"When I lived in Berlin, you could drive into the city at a certain given speed and all the lights would be on green as a computer synchronised them to encourage free flow of traffic.

"I'm not sure what the bus drivers think about these improvements but they don't do much for the residents."

Mr Davies said that it had come to the stage when he now had to think about the best time to leave the village due to traffic congestion – although he admits that any time of the day might be busy.

He pointed out that yellow boxes on the roundabout at Culverhouse Cross might keep traffic moving more efficiently because currently when the lights go green the way ahead is often blocked by solid traffic.

A BARRY businessman has complained that an 'over-zealous' traffic warden is making life a nightmare for shop owners and customers in the town centre.

Ferda Ulug owns La Cucina, a Mediterranean cafe and tapas bar on Holton Road, popular with shoppers and local office workers.

Mr Ulug, whose business is on the corner of Regent Street, told The GEM: "We have a traffic warden who is over-zealous and booking left, right and centre.

"It isn't about the smooth running of Holton Road, it's about making money.

"This is the sort of thing kills off local trade, and customers and shop-owners have been complaining about it.

"People have gone into the local barbers for a £10 haircut and end up paying £45 because they've got a £35 ticket!

"Why can't the traffic warden pop his head into a business and ask: 'Does this car belong to anyone?'"

'Give us a break from this robotic, over-zealous traffic warden' pleads Barry businessman

by GEM REPORTER
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"Where's the sense of community? Where is the grace? Why book someone immediately?"

"It's like having a robot going around. It is relentless. The council took a big step forward by easing up loading bays in Holton Road for customer parking, but this takes us backwards."

Two of the bays still have a restriction for customer parking until 10.30am to allow shops to unload goods.

Mr Ulug received a ticket from the traffic warden recently. Last week, he was unloading supplies for La Cucina using one of the bays shortly after 9am.

"I was unloading from my car and he said: 'Why are you unloading? This is for lorries.'"

Mr Ulug points out that not all businesses need a delivery via a lorry.

He said: "The pity about all this is that it

detracts from serious issues, such as the need for a crossing on Holton Road near the junction of Thompson Street."

Coun Geoff Cox, Vale Council cabinet member for neighbourhood services and transport, said using 'discretion' was part of an enforcement officer's job.

He said: "Parking penalty charge notices are primarily imposed to minimise traffic problems not generate income. The surplus from these types of notices across the Vale for the entire last financial year amounted to just £455.

"The council's civil enforcement officers have a strong presence in Barry town centre because we understand how frustrating, inconsiderate and dangerous parking is for residents and businesses.

"Enforcement officers tend to focus on areas that need the greatest improvement when it comes to parking compliance.

"Their job is to identify illegal and irresponsible parking and in most instances, before issuing a ticket, they will use discretion and attempt to explain to the driver what they have done wrong.

"In an attempt to avoid enforcement action by preventing the problem of illegal parking, the council has recently launched our 'Park Tidy!' campaign.

"This aims to highlight the dangers of inappropriate parking,

and encourage them to act in a more responsible and considerate manner.

"There are guidelines on the council website explaining what is and is not acceptable when it comes to parking in the Vale and this information has been publicised through our social media channels."

Coun Cox added: "Parking provision has recently been increased on Holton Road, with some loading bays converted to two-hour parking zones.

"Those wishing to stay longer can leave their cars on Wyndham Street or in the nearby multi-storey car park.

"Other loading bays can now be used by the public after 10.30am, but there must be some provision for retailers to receive deliveries.

"Traders were consulted on all of these changes and were fully supportive of the trial."



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Billy Elliot: the Musical raises the roof (and funds)

ON July 10, the curtain was raised on this year's Barry Comprehensive School production, *Billy Elliot: The Musical*.

For the first time ever, the school decided to perform the show over four nights and each and every night was a massive success.

As well as featuring exceptional performances on stage, the school was lucky enough to be supported by a talented live band for every performance.

On Monday and Tuesday, the role of Billy was played by Dylan Hooper (year-8) and then on Wednesday and Thursday, Kyle Bellamy (year-7) took over.

They were supported by one of the most talented casts the school has ever assembled; Jamie Brown (year-9) and Frankie Weaver (year-7) took on the role of Michael and were supported by Cameron Morgan (year-10) as Dad and Harry Morgan Grant and Adam Woolford (Tony and Dad, year-13) in their final school production.

In total, the cast featured 40 pupils from years 7 to 13. Each and every one of them was responsible for making this production one of the most successful and most memorable pieces of work the school has ever produced.

Feedback from the local community has been

overwhelming, and the school thanks the audiences for supporting this production and taking the time to send messages and cards – it really was appreciated.

During the week, the school was also raising money for the charity Parkinson's UK. By the end of the week, just over £500 was raised.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this charity.

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Photos by
Scott Nelson.

TOP: Dylan Hooper as Billy Elliot and Jamie Brown as Michael.

ABOVE: Billy and Michael with Express Yourself.

LEFT: The boxing lesson.

BELOW: Kyle Bellamy and Frankie Weaver (Billy Elliot).



OGMORE CASTLE RIVER DRAMA: Knight in shining armour wades to a family's rescue

A WOMAN found her knight in shining armour at Ogmor Castle, when a man stopped her car getting swept away by the fast-rising river.

Tracey Gardiner said a stranger called Steve stepped in, as she and her children watched helplessly from the other side of the river when the waters threatened the car.

The drama unfolded one evening in late July.

Tracey, who lives in the village of Llanmaes, told The GEM: "I parked my Nissan X-Trail in the car park next to the river. I walked my two children and two Labrador dogs across the stepping stones at Ogmor Castle, along with other families and couples out for a nice stroll.

"We had only walked a short distance when we realised our dogs had dropped their ball somewhere, so I sent my son back to look for it.

"Within seconds, my son came shouting for me to get back to the river, as the stepping stones had disappeared under a rapidly-coming tide. Sure enough, he was right, and we had become stranded!

"The river was rising very fast and as other people left quickly in their cars there was just my car and another small white car left.

"Panic set in. I was standing there feeling very vulnerable with my two children, aged 10 and seven, looking at me to fix the problem."

But help was at hand thanks to a man who had parked his car up at Merthyr Mawr.

by **TIM CHAPMAN**
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"Out of the blue, a gentleman said to me: 'Give me your car key. My car is parked over the bridge. I can drive around and try and save your car but it might take 15 minutes'."

Tracey said: "Without hesitation, I handed over my key to a stranger and as he was about to walk away he said: 'My name is Steve. Let me give you my mobile number because I'm a stranger and you're trusting me with your car key!'"

"As he left, the minutes seemed to drag on as we watched the water rising up to the door of my car. My son started to cry and my daughter just gave up and sat in the mud."

But while Tracey was worried that her car was going to be swept down the river, other people were taking pictures of her predicament.

"Throughout the ordeal, there were people with long lens cameras taking pictures of the cars in the water and of us in distress on the other side! I suppose to them this was all a joke – or maybe a way to make a few quid from selling the photos.

"They didn't know I had my dog leads, house keys, handbag and other important items in the car."

Then Steve appeared in the car park on

the other side of the river.

"He turned up in his car and got out to try and get to my car, but the water was quite deep and black.

"He reversed his car back up the narrow road and I thought he was going to leave, but he came walking down to the water with no shoes, socks or trousers! He waded through the water and got to my car and as he opened the door, the water rushed in.

"Luckily, the car started and he managed to reverse it through the water and up to the road. I couldn't believe it – this perfect stranger had saved my car.

"He then had the courtesy to meet me with my car key and dog leads. We made it home safe and sound with no real harm done, just a bit of water in the footwell.

"I don't know how I can ever repay this man's kindness. It shows that there are some good people out there.

"Unfortunately, the other white car was not able to be saved in time and was under water. It shocked me that the tide came in so quick. Perhaps it's about time cars were banned from parking by the river, or at least there were some warning signs at the gateway."

Tracey said that she wanted to publicly thank Steve for his kindness.

"Steve was a hero to my family that day. He didn't know me and he didn't have to help us but he did, and I am forever grateful. I'd like to say to him: 'Thank you from Tracey and the Gardiner family'."

Tracey is now hoping for some warm weather so the car can dry out.

Probus club keeps an open mind...

ON August 1, retired neurosurgeon Brian Simpson spoke to members of Dinas Powys Probus club about the history and various facets of neurosurgery.

After qualifying in general medicine and surgery, Brian spent a further eight years in specialist training in neurosurgery. He moved to Dinas Powys in 1988 as a consultant. He has a particular interest in correcting abnormal brain activity, including the use of electronic implants.

Neurosurgery goes back to Neolithic times, skulls of ancient man have been found which show signs of deliberate damage to access the brain which in many cases have closed up, indicating that the patient survived.

Leaders in neurosurgery include Sir William Macewen (1848-1924) who carried out successful surgery in 1879, and later Harvey Cushing, an American who is regarded as the father of modern neurosurgery.

A major part of a surgeon's work is dealing with brain damage caused by trauma. Such damage can be either by violent acceleration and deceleration when the head is moving, for example in a road crash, or by direct impact while stationary.

Brian gave an example of the latter when called upon to remove a nail which had penetrated into a man's brain. The operation was a success, but for some unknown reason, the patient later probed into his own brain with a straightened wire coat hanger; he survived!

Psychosurgery is occasionally still used in attempting to correct abnormal brain activity that is causing mental discordance. First performed around 1935 and centred around the frontal lobes of the brain, all without psychiatric drugs at that time, it

sometimes caused appalling damage and lasting injury to the patient.

In 1947, the search for better procedures with the need for a means of operating with extreme accuracy began. Ernest Spiegel was a leader in this field, known as stereotactic surgery, which is minimally invasive. A metal frame is fitted to the head and three dimensional co-ordination by imaging techniques allows for the extremely accurate location of the defect, which can then be ameliorated by electrodes, which can be permanently implanted.

Lobotomy and other invasive operations were not universally accepted and still today, some doubts and prejudices remain. The use of MRI scanning equipment has helped to increase the surgeon's ability to resolve brain defects. Such technical equipment can show the surgeon the pathways of nerves with a high degree of certainty, but as Brian pointed out, even with extensive training and experience, unfortunately mistakes can occasionally occur.

Between 1993 and 2008, Cardiff was one of two UK centres for work to combat severe long-term depression, categorised as NMD, neurosurgery for mental disorder.

Forty five patients were classified as experiencing depression to a very severe level; 78 per cent responded positively to the surgery including 42 per cent who were considered to be completely cured.

Brian pointed out that the patient's interest always comes first and that a degree of bravery, in both patient and surgeon, is necessary to carry out a difficult or risky operation.

The current climate of litigation and blame may discourage action which might, if carried out, be to the patient's benefit. **CR**

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Vale regeneration team wants new uses for rural buildings

Creative Rural Communities (CRC), the Vale of Glamorgan's rural regeneration team, is exploring opportunities for bringing redundant and underused buildings back into use for business purposes, whilst teaming up with small businesses to identify their workspace needs.

This project is funded through the Welsh Government Rural Communities - Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the Welsh Government and the Vale Council.

"This project offers a great opportunity for partnership working with small businesses looking for their workspace in the rural Vale and those with redundant and underused spaces to bring them back into use for business" said Coun Jonathan Bird, cabinet member for regeneration and planning.

"We would like owners or managers of redundant or underused buildings to get in touch. You may have an empty room in a community centre or pub, or your old cattle sheds or stables lie vacant and are starting to deteriorate."

The team also want to talk to small businesses and sole traders in the rural Vale about their workspace needs.

Phil Chappell, CRC team leader economic development said: "A lot of people in the Vale work from home and may want to take that next step into working from a premises."

"It can also be quite isolating working alone, so CRC is keen to hear from people who might want to share space."

If you are looking for any kind workspace in the rural Vale, have a chat with the team on 01446 704226 or complete the survey online at www.creativeruralcommunities.co.uk

BELOW:
Co-working space in the Cardiff area – an example of the type of use rural buildings could be put to.



COWBRIDGE CHOIR STALWART HONOURED AT ANNUAL CONCERT

TERRY GRIFFIN, at the age of 91, has been honoured by his fellow Cowbridge choristers for his commitment to the town's male voice choir.

A certificate was presented to Mr Griffin to celebrate his membership, which has spanned over two decades.

Mr Griffin is known well in Cowbridge not only for his musical talent, but also for his deep knowledge of horticulture having served as an expert at the Vale Show on numerous occasions.

The certificate was presented to Mr Griffin at the choir's annual concert in Cowbridge Leisure Centre.

Attending the concert was Deputy Mayor for the Vale, Coun Leighton Rowlands, who said: "It was astonishing to learn of the



Terry Griffin (centre) with Deputy Mayor Leighton Rowlands and Vale MP and Secretary of State for Wales, Alun Cairns.

commitment which Mr Griffin has shown to the choir. Both music and his community clearly hold a very special place in his heart."

Vale MP Alun Cairns added: "Congratulations to Terry for

serving so many years to this fantastic choir. At every performance and meeting of the musical group, his personality never fails to shine through."

Crafty festival pops up at Dunraven Bay

THE Crafts on the Coast Festival, which was run as a 'pop-up' event last year, is being repeated at Dunraven Bay, Southerndown on September 9.

Last year's festival attracted more than 600 visitors, and this year, the group will stage a bigger event which, said a spokesperson, "promises to be a

great day out for all the family, with more than 20 crafts represented: from stickmaking to chalk painting furniture, knitting to spinning and weaving and stained glass".

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Lessons must be learnt from blood scandal...

LIKE residents throughout the Vale of Glamorgan, I was appalled to learn of the contaminated blood transfusions which took place in the 1970s and 80s across the UK.

The consequences, including the contraction of Hepatitis C and HIV by many of those affected, caused unnecessary suffering and the tragic loss of at least 2,400 lives. This simply should not have happened, and must never be allowed to happen again.

While financial support has been provided for the past 25 years, more needs to be done to ensure that justice is achieved for those who suffered the dreadful impact of infected blood products.

Further, the victims deserve the answers to the questions that they have been asking over the last two decades: how was this able to happen, and how will we ensure that this tragedy is never repeated?

Many of you have understandably contacted me in recent weeks with these same questions, and I feel it appropriate to share with you my strong support for a UK-wide inquiry into



**Vale MP
Alun Cairns**
Secretary of State
for Wales
reports to
GEM readers

these incidents of contaminated blood transfusions.

The Prime Minister has announced that a fully independent inquiry will be established, so that the causes of the tragedy can be fully understood. Ministers in the Department of Health have been clear that before it is established, it is necessary that all those affected, including those in Wales, are given an opportunity to have

their thoughts and opinions heard, in order that the scope and format of the inquiry is sufficiently thorough and suitable from the outset.

Whilst money cannot bring back those who lost their lives or return survivors to full health, meaningful support for those affected is vital. This includes not only the individual victims of the contamination, but also their families and the bereaved.

Since 1988, there have been five schemes to provide financial and other support, with the UK Government recently committing to a further £100 million to be provided by 2020.

I, along with many campaigners, welcome amendments to the scheme, which will provide an additional valuable form of support for all beneficiaries and their families in the most transparent, balanced and fair way.

If you have any questions relating to this matter, or if you were affected by the contamination of blood products, please do not hesitate to contact me at alun.cairns.mp@parliament.uk or you can contact the inquiry directly at: infectedbloodinquiry@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Apology, after Mayor's car is parked in disabled bay

A BARRY resident, who has a disabled son, says he was "disappointed" to arrive in the Tesco Express car park in Cadoxton, Barry, to find a disabled space had been taken by the Vale Mayor's car.

The incident took place on Monday morning, August 7 and the following day, Steve Durbin told The GEM he had accepted an apology from the Vale Council and considered the matter closed.

Mr Durbin had drawn the council's attention to it on Facebook.

He said: "Vale of Glamorgan Mayor's car parked in disabled space at Tesco Express - so I, with disabled son in car, could not use it. No badge, only driver present."

"Set an example please, Vale Council! Yes, there was plenty of space in the car park."

Mr Durbin added an update: "Vale of Glamorgan have formally apologised and promised to investigate."

He told The GEM he realises that it was a private car park and there had been no breach of law, but stressed it was discourteous to take that space, when there may

have been someone who was in real need of it.

A council spokesperson thanked Mr Durbin for bringing it to the council's attention.

He told The GEM: "The council was made aware of this incident on Monday morning, and immediately launched an investigation to establish the circumstances surrounding it."

"We have also offered a sincere apology to Mr Durbin."

"The unauthorised parking in disabled bays is completely unacceptable and a matter the council takes extremely seriously."

"This is why an immediate investigation has been launched."

GEM reporter.



The car parked in the disabled space.

Flag day for Wenvoe

NOT only is the required standards. Wenvoe the only village in the Vale to have received a Community Green Flag award from Keep Wales Tidy, but this year they have achieved four Green Flags.

The judges decided that the Upper Orchard Field, Community Orchard, Elizabethan Orchard and Welsh Orchards had all reached

This success is down to landowners, such as the Vale Council, local farmers, and to the Wenvoe Wildlife Group for creating and looking after the green spaces and to local residents and visitors for enjoying and respecting the sites.

Next year, the group plans to include a fifth site, an orchard of native trees including crabapple, bullace, cherry plum and wild pear.

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MEDICAL SCIENCE NEWS

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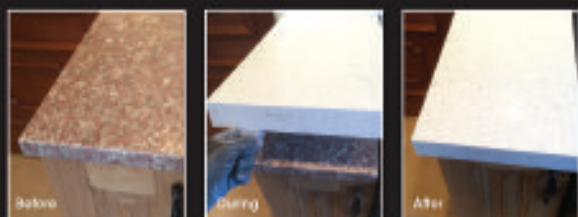
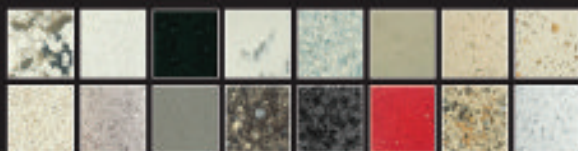
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ABOVE: Dog owner Jan Godfrey-Coles with her four-year-old Staffie cross Blodwen who was rescued by RNLI Burry Port lifeboat crew members with Alun Wells and Karlien Heyrman from Vets4Pets.

'RESPECT THE WATER' Vets partnership spreads RNLI's safety message

THE RNLI has launched a pilot partnership with national veterinary group Vets4Pets, to support its "Respect the Water campaign".

As part of the pilot

programme, Welsh lifeboat stations will work closely with Vets4Pets' 22 practice to focus on a key group of users which the RNLI has identified as being at risk when on or near the coast – dog walkers.

Helen Church, the RNLI's community safety partner for Wales and West, said: "This pilot partnership is a brilliant opportunity to work with an organisation that in many ways is similar to the RNLI.

"We know dog walkers are an 'at risk' group when walking their pets around water and the coast, which means Vets4Pets is an ideal partner for us as we continue to deliver water safety messages."

The partnership will see RNLI lifeboat stations joining forces with their local Vets4Pets practice to provide support for work each other does in the local community.

This will include tailoring First Aid pet workshops to include water safety messages

and vets and vet nurses advising RNLI volunteers on how best to handle pets they have rescued.

"More than 200 walkers have died since 2011 around our coast, many when walking their dog and our annual Respect the Water drowning prevention campaign helps us to focus on advising people to give water the healthy respect it deserves," added Helen.

"A key message we'll be working on with Vets4Pets, is to convey to pet owners that we would not encourage people to enter water to save pets. More often than not, the person themselves can get into danger, further escalating the jeopardy and the need for a rescue.

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'Good management' avoids disappointed young footballers

AUGUST is an exciting month for local youngsters who are looking forward to the new football season.

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Sometimes youngsters miss out on playing for a particular team because they don't meet the playing standard, or the number of youngsters exceeds the total allowed in a squad.

It can lead to disappointed players and angry parents.

Lee Saunders is well placed to address some of these issues.

He has been involved in local football for 26 years. Lee is an administrator in local mini-football and is also a coach with AFC Wolves, who play in the Barry and District League.

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He said: "Mini football is not so much about competition. It is all about participation – playing, playing, playing. Football then gets competitive at junior level."

Junior football comprises teams from under 12s to under 16s.

Squads of up to 20 youngsters can be accommodated. A "match day squad" is 16 players, and with five substitutions allowed, it means all the match day players might get a game.

Lee said communicating with the parents was essential. "We create a family atmosphere – that includes the players and the parents."

"This season we've got a squad of 19 players. I've explained to the parents that there is a maximum of 16 players in a match day squad."

such as a rugby match, and that's where a squad of up to 20 players is a help.

He said: "The last thing you want is to be left with a squad of just 11."

If things are well managed on a long-term basis, Lee believes it can avoid youngsters being disappointed because they've missed out on either playing or a club's full squad for the season.

If you have any views on this topic, please email: editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk.

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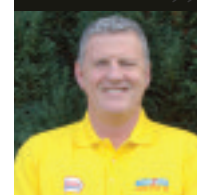
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'Full investigation required into health board contracts'

"THE scandal into the awarding of potentially unlawful contracts by Cardiff and Vale University Health Board must not be brushed under the carpet," South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has said.

Mr Davies made the comments after raising the issue at First Minister's Questions, claiming that health board staff and users would have little confidence in Carwyn Jones' response.

The health board paid consultants £1,000 a day, plus expenses, a decision criticised for "numerous and significant failings" by the Auditor General for Wales.

The news emerged on the same day that over 70 doctors and nurses were ordered to pay £68,000 in parking fines at the University Hospital of Wales.

Mr Davies said: "This is one of the most damning reports I have seen in my 10 years as an Assembly Member – and with the health board in special measures there are clearly questions for the Welsh Government to answer.

"Carwyn Jones attempted to deflect

blame – saying the questions were for the Health Board to answer – but this is not good enough.

In response to The GEM, a Welsh Government spokesperson said: "The Chief Executive of the NHS in Wales has written to all health boards seeking urgent assurance that good governance arrangements in relation to procurement and recruitment are in place across Wales."

Mr Davies continued: "[Carwyn Jones] had to be pressed into saying he had confidence in the Health Board chair, and his lack of knowledge into its recruitment practices is deeply worrying.

"This suggests the Welsh Government are not willing to take action, but staff and patients will not put up with this being swept under the carpet – especially when astronomical parking fines have been issued on health board sites.

"It is quite clear a full and proper investigation is needed to get to the bottom of why a £150,000 contract was awarded without so much as an interview – and hold those responsible to account. Doing nothing will not wash."

A N Y O N E interested in a future career as a game designer, hair and beauty expert, or robotic engineer, can attend a Cardiff and Vale College summer camp for 11 to 16-year-olds.

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CAVC has held its first Tech Tournament Camp at the Microsoft Visual Academy in its City Centre campus, where the young people designed their own computer game.

Working in small teams on programming systems, plus an advert for the game, they then pitched to judges. A further tech tournament camp will be held this month.

A hair and beauty camp will give young people the opportunity to get creative and learn new make-up and hair techniques with CAVC's industry experts;

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Women in Wales help the Save the Children charity tackle poverty



Save the Children accepts the cheque from Women in Wales.

The Women in Wales charity lunch celebrated its 25th anniversary by presenting Save the Children with a cheque for £30,000 last month.

The sell-out lunch attracted its biggest ever audience of 500 guests, with the Princess Royal as the guest of honour and entrepreneur, Cath Kidston as the speaker.

Headline sponsor Bluestone National Resort and the lunch's other sponsors, joined the Women in Wales committee at the SSE Swalec Stadium for the cheque handing-over ceremony,

where Save the Children confirmed that the donation would go towards the Welsh project, Eat, Sleep Learn. Play programme for families living below the 'poverty line'.

If you would like to support next year's lunch, or wish to find out more about the Women in Wales charity, please visit www.womeninwales.org.uk.

For regular up to date news, you can follow Women in Wales on facebook: Women in Wales luncheon.

Report by JAYNE JAMES

Vale Bridge Club news

THE latest results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for August 7, are as follows:

First, Liam Sheridan and Glenda Roberts, 74.17 per cent; second, Glyn Williams and Vida Halford, 65.2 per cent; third, Barrie Waite and Graham Norris, 62.50 per cent.

Fundraising walk for the Noah's Ark appeal

'Please support our 10k' say charity

THE Noah's Ark charity is calling on families from across Wales to sign up to its three or 10k Family Fun Walk in Cardiff Bay on Sunday, September 17.

The charity supports the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales, which delivers specialist and life-saving care to 73,000 children from across Wales each year.

For Alison and husband Stephen, from Bridgend, this will be their fourth Family Fun Walk.

Alison said: "It gives us pleasure to do this small thing and support a charity that helps enable children to be treated near their homes in Wales. It provides as much comfort as is possible during the time that they have to spend at the hospital."

A record breaking 280 men, women and children took part in the Family Fun Walk last September. Now in its fourth year, the aim is to make the 2017 event bigger and better than ever.

Senior fundraiser, Linda Davies, said: "There's always a really friendly, warm atmosphere at the fun walk and it's as lovely to welcome new families and it is to see others returning year on year. Last year,

the event raised close to £16,000 for the children's hospital, which is an incredible amount of money."

Registration for the event costs £5 per person, which includes a free t-shirt and bottle of water. Fancy dress is optional and there will be various activities to keep little walkers entertained on the day.

The route is completely accessible to pushchairs and wheelchair users. To sign up, visit: <https://noahsarkcharity.org/events/familyfunwalk2017/>.



Stephen and Alison from Bridgend will be among those taking part in the Family Fun Walk again this year.

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Out & About with The GEM

Valerian is visually stunning and ambitious, but narratively leggy

LUC BESSON has been one of cinema's most exciting voices since breaking through in the late 1980s.

Having flitted from directing intimate works with big budget spectacles, Besson may have a somewhat hit and miss strike rate, but his films are always indelibly his own.

His latest film sees him tackle the comic book series *Valerian* and *Laureline* with *Valerian* and *The City of a Thousand Planets*. Starring Dane DeHaan and Cara Delevingne, who play the titular characters, when a unknown energy force threatens the Alpha (the titular city made up of a thousand ships) the pair must try and track down who and what is causing the mysterious force and stop them before it engulfs Alpha...

Valerian... sees Luc Besson tread similar ground

What's in a (sur)name?

The next meeting of the Bridgend branch of the Glamorgan Family History Society will be held on Monday August 21 at the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig CF32 9RF. The speaker will be Dane Brook, who will be talking on SURNAMES at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

BBC game show seeks contestants

A NEW BBC game show by Avalon, the BBC, and the creators of Taskmaster, is looking for contestants who live in a household of two or more people, "are all up for a good laugh", and fancy competing in a series of fun challenges together.

Applications close on August 28 and filming takes place in October.

Contact TheButton@avalon-entertainment.com or call 207 598 7279 for details.

to *The Fifth Element*, his highly divisive sci-fi film that saw Bruce Willis play a future-set taxi driver and Gary Oldman with a haircut to end all haircuts. That film was cinematic Marmite and, 20 years later, you can imagine *Valerian* may well find itself in similar territory, a film that is both sublime yet also ridiculous.

It is Besson at his most visually ambitious, but equally at his most narratively clunky; the plot is a thin one that doesn't need a 137-minute running time that sometimes feels like Besson is overly-indulging in his love for these characters.

Yet visually, the film is stunning, brightly coloured sets, clever gags on the way humanity (and alien life) has involved over the course of centuries and some highly satisfying set-pieces that come with Besson's trademark visual élan.

This is a director enjoying his subject matter and his ability to create endless new worlds and situations, and you can see how deeply his thought process has gone with some very interesting little touches that are gorgeously realised.

He has a strong, if uneven, central pairing in Dane DeHaan and Cara Delevingne as the agents tasked with solving the mystery; they share a keen



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spark and satisfying chemistry, but Delevingne is the more impressive of the two.

Given that Besson is renowned for his strong female characters, it's not surprising that Laureline (despite her lack of an appearance in the title) is the dominant character, industrious, smart and not afraid to get involved in the fistcuffs, and Delevingne makes for an impressive turn.

DeHaan isn't by any means poor, but he feels a little less convincing as the suave, ice-cool Valerian and there are times when he doesn't quite have the personality to carry the role.

With pleasing turns from the likes of Clive Owen, Rihanna and Ethan Hawke bringing colour to the background, it's a likeable enough affair, but the story is where the film's main fault lies.

After an overly long set-up to introduce the characters (prefaced by a zingy and witty telling of how Alpha came to be so gigantic), the actual plot is both overly simple and predictable, yet Besson wrings out nearly two hours devoted to the solving of the mystery.

It's overly long and the subplot of Valerian trying to convince Laureline of his affections and asking for her hand in marriage doesn't land with enough conviction to truly

satisfy.

What helps is the universe that Besson has created for the film, every frame crammed full with different aliens and life forms, which keeps you watching, but he either needed a more complex plot for the running time, or a shorter running time with the existing plot for it to wholly succeed.

It's not that *Valerian*... is a bad film; far from it – more adventures of the pair would be hugely welcome if it means Besson spending more time behind the camera, rather than shepherding countless films and TV shows as a producer, but it's a little too uneven for it to be an undoubted success. As it is, it's a wildly diverting and pleasing effort.

VERDICT: A gorgeously-shot blockbuster that is lacking somewhat in the story department, *Valerian* and *The City of a Thousand Planets* is still an enjoyable film, with solid turns from the cast and Luc Besson at his visually most inventive. Tighter plotting would have made the film even better, but as it is, it's still a hefty slice of summer fun. *Enjoyable.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Fifth Element* (1997), *Avatar* (2009).

What's on and where...

Valeways walks

ON Sunday, August 13 at 2pm, 'Trains, boats and maybe planes!', starting from Penarth cliff top car park.

On Tuesday, August 15 at 1.30pm, 'Beach and dovecote', starting at Llantwit Major railway station car park.

On Wednesday, August 16 at 10.30am, the Cosmeston coffee shop strollers meet outside the visitor centre.

Also on August 16 at 2.30pm, the Llantwit Major coffee shop strollers meet at the town hall car park, Llantwit Major.

Coffee morning
A CHARITY coffee morning will be held in the All Saints Church Main Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, on Saturday, August 12 from 10am until 11.30am. Entry £1, to include tea/coffee. Grab yourself a bargain; all proceeds to charity.

St Lawrence Church service
THE former St Lawrence Church at Fort Road, Lavernock, will remember its patron saint on Sunday, August 13 at 3pm.

All attending will receive a warm welcome and enjoy singing well known hymns to Anne Thomas's accompaniment on the harmonium.

The preacher will be Rev Mark Jones from the Parish of Penarth and Llandough.

The church car park can be found on the left of Fort Road just before the church. Enquiries to Rev Margaret Stark on 029 20701303; for more information about the former church, see the website: lavernockchurch.net.

RBL meeting
THE Royal British Legion Barry's August branch meeting

will be held in Cadroxton Conservative Club (Centenary Room) on Tuesday, August 15 at 7.30pm. Anyone interested in joining, volunteering or finding out more are all welcome.

Call Teresa on 07776 111385 for more details or see Facebook 'Poppy Appeal Barry South Wales'.

Horticultural show
LLANTWIT MAJOR
Horticultural Society holds its annual vegetable and flower show on August 19 at the Llantwit Major Leisure Centre.

The full range of classes for entries can be seen at www.llantwit-major-horticultural-society.com. Schedules are also available from 39 Bedford Rise, Llantwit Major.

Exhibits are welcome from 8.30am to 10.45am and the show opens from 2pm to 5pm. There will be a flower arranging demonstration at 2.30pm, plus craft stalls, preserves and honey and cup cakes.

Age Connects
DO you worry about tax? Do you know if you are paying the correct amount? Are you nervous about approaching The Inland Revenue or help with form filling?

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale will run a free tax advice surgery at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Monday, August 21 from 9.30am to 11.30am.

The Telecare Vale of Glamorgan Project aims to improve quality of life by helping vulnerable and isolated people manage the risks of living in their own home with a simple easy to use device. Visit the Age Connects Senior Health Shop for further information on Tuesday,

August 15 from 10am to 12 noon; no appointment is needed, just call in.

Are you worried about crime or disorder in your area? Gethin from Safer Vale in Barry will be available to discuss these issues at a drop-in information session on Tuesday, August 15 from 10am to 12 noon at the Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop. No appointment is needed; just call in.

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Get online
DO you need free help on how to use a computer or tablet, or want to learn new skills?

Digital Champions from Newydd Housing Association and the Vale have set up drop-in sessions to help learn new or improve current skills.

A session is held every Thursday from 10am to 12 noon at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. You can bring your own equipment, or use equipment provided; one to one support is given. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Launch of This Cruising Life
LOCAL author Carole May is holding the book launch of *This Cruising Life* at Barry Central Library on Saturday, August 19 from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

The book tells the story of Carole and husband Ron's travels around the globe on board their vessel *Sonadora*.

Everybody is welcome to attend and refreshments will be available.

'Pioneering' apprenticeship programme

A 'PIONEERING' apprenticeship programme for 14 to 16-year-olds at Cardiff and Vale College has been so successful, the Welsh Government is looking to roll the programme out across Wales, said a spokesperson.

The Welsh Government is encouraging other colleges and local authorities to pick up on CAVC's Young Apprenticeship programme.

Jointly funded by Welsh Government Creative Solutions, CAVC, Cardiff Council

and Cardiff schools, the Junior Apprenticeship programme was launched in September 2016 to increase the number of young people in education, employment and training.

Offering Year-10 and 11 pupils the opportunity to study full-time for a future career in a college setting from the age of 14, the Junior Apprenticeship programme is the only one of its kind in Wales and has seen the first cohort of Year-11s all successfully graduate and secure a place on a higher level course at CAVC or an apprenticeship.

Foot long sausage!

AS a rule, The GEM shies away from using puff pieces, flaky stories and fillers, and instead relies on hard news to fill column inches.

However, a 30-centimetre (12 inches in old money) sausage roll from Morrisons in Barry just had to be squeezed in. Morrisons claims it is the "largest sausage roll in the UK."

Weighing in at nearly half a kilogram (one pound), the sausage roll is double the length and

four times the weight of some competitors.

Available from the supermarket on Heol Ceiniog, the Foot Long Sausage Roll is freshly baked in-store by its Market Street bakers.

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'We have a duty to remember the trauma of Passchendaele'

THE Battle of Passchendaele is a "national trauma that we have a duty to remember", says South Wales Central regional AM, Andrew RT Davies.

The Welsh Conservative leader attended the moving service at the Welsh Memorial Park in Langemark, near Ypres, this week to pay his respects.

Among the units who participated in the Battle of Passchendaele were the 38th (Welsh) Division, the 29th Division, including the 2nd Battalion South Wales Borderers and the 2nd Battalion Monmouthshire Regiment, the Welsh Guards, the Welsh Regiment and the Royal Welch Fusiliers.

Several memorial stones were unveiled at the service to commemorate them.

Mr Davies said: "It was deeply moving to take part in the service and pay tribute to all of



Mr Davies at the memorial in Langemark where wreaths were laid to commemorate those who gave their lives in the Battle of Passchendaele.

those who gave their lives in the Battle of Passchendaele.

"The sheer magnitude of human life lost on this foreign battlefield is almost unfathomable today, and is a national trauma that we have a duty to reflect on.

"Countless Welsh servicemen and women participated and it was an honour to see memorial stones unveiled to commemorate the Welsh divisions who fought in the First World War, including the South

Wales Borderers.

"A hundred years on, we owe our eternal gratitude to those who gave their lives in such tragic circumstances, so that we could have a peaceful future.

"We will never forget the sacrifice they made."

Poppy Weeping Window on show in Cardiff Bay

A poppy sculpture entitled *Weeping Window*, by artist Paul Cummins and designer Tom Piper, is now open outside the Senedd in Cardiff, as part of the UK-wide tour of the poppies organised by 14-18 NOW, the UK's arts programme for the First World War centenary.

The *Weeping Window* sculpture, made up of thousands of ceramic poppies, will be on display until September 24.

It forms part of Wales' programme of events marking the centenary of the First World War, which takes place across the country.

The *Weeping Window* exhibition will coincide with the centenary of the Battle of Passchendaele, which took the lives of many Welshmen, including Bardic poet Hedd Wyn.

Weeping Window is one of two sculptures taken from the installation *Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red* - poppies and original concept by artist Paul Cummins and installation designed by Tom Piper.

The installation was originally at HM Tower of London in 2014, where 888,246 poppies were

displayed, one for every British or Empire life lost at the Front during the First World War.

The installation was by Paul Cummins Ceramics Limited, in conjunction with Historic Royal Palaces.

Weeping Window is the cascade of poppies that was seen pouring out of a high window down to the grass below.

For the first time, visitors will be able to view the sculpture from all sides, including behind, through the Senedd's floor to ceiling windows.

In addition, on Thursday evenings this month, the Senedd will be open until 8pm, for visitors to see the sculpture as the light changes, and the Senedd café will be open for longer to accommodate this.

Since the tour of *Wave* and *Weeping Window* began, the sculptures have been seen by over 2.7 million people.

Following the presentation in Cardiff, *Weeping Window* will be at Ulster Museum in Belfast from October 14 to December 3. *Wave* will be on display at CWGC Plymouth Naval Memorial from August 23 to November 19.

BELOW:

Left to right - Ann Jones AM, designer Tom Piper, Lady Susie Sainsbury, artist Paul Cummins and Jenny Waldman, director of 14-18 NOW, unveil *Weeping Window*, which is from the Poppy installation *Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red*.

Photos by the Press Association.



*Children, now generations apart from the British and Empire sailors, soldiers and airmen that fought and died in the Great War to prevent German expansionism, reflect on *Weeping Window* at the Senedd.*



Farming industry unites to call on UK Government for commitments over post-Brexit transition plans

A NUMBER of farming organisations, including NFU Cymru, have come together to issue a joint statement to the UK Government to provide short-term certainty for the industry - as exiting the European Union and the Common Agricultural Policy draws closer.

The 14 organisations say governments across the UK need to work together with the farmers and land managers to prepare for a new long-standing free trade agreement which retains and grows opportunities for food trade

with the EU and the rest of the world.

They also call for commitments on transition that will allow the UK to remain in the Customs Union until a full free trade agreement is in place with the EU.

NFU Cymru President, Stephen James said: "Farming organisations from across the UK have come together with one voice to re-iterate the importance of the UK farming industry in terms of producing food of the highest quality alongside caring for and managing our treasured environment and landscape.

"UK farming makes a significant contribution in terms of jobs and revenue to the UK

economy, to ensure that our industry can capitalise on future opportunities and continue to grow we have set out a number of key issues that the UK Government must address to manage our transition out of the EU.

"This includes maintaining unfettered access to EU markets, ensuring a fairer and more transparent UK supply chain and the importance of the UK Government working in partnership with the Welsh Government to jointly agree and establish policy and budgetary frameworks for UK farming."

Coastguard and RNLI aid plucky pedal-powered boat



RNLI vessels alongside the Sweeney Pro.

ON Sunday, August 6, Barry Coastguard and the RNLI were called to attend an eight-metre-long, pedal-powered boat - *SweeneyPro* - that had suffered mechanical failure while on a record-breaking attempt to circumnavigate Great Britain.

The vessel had set off from Cardiff Bay the day before.

A spokesman said: "The vessel was brought into Barry Harbour by Penarth inshore lifeboat.

"We wish the skipper the very best of luck when he continues his challenge after making the necessary repairs."

Kieran Sweeney, pedalling the vessel, is attempting the first solo unsupported pedal-powered circumnavigation of the UK.

The epic, and exhausting, voyage by this plucky chap will raise funds for Ty Hafan and The Children's Heart Unit Fund.

To follow Mr Sweeney's progress, and to donate to his chosen causes, visit www.sweeneypro.com.

Barry man wanted for 'recall to prison'

SOUTH Wales Police are keen to know the whereabouts of Paul Junior Thomas, aged 28, from Barry (right).

A police spokeswoman said: "He is wanted for 'recall to prison'.

"If you have seen Paul or know of his



whereabouts, call 101 quoting reference number: 1700283755."

Couple celebrating 70th wedding anniversary say secret to long marriage is in sharing holidays

A COUPLE who live together at a care home in Cardiff have revealed the secret to their long marriage – sharing lovely holidays.

Reg Williams, 94, and his wife Beryl, 91, both live at Tŷ Llandaff, a private nursing, residential and respite care home in Pontcanna celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary this month.

Reg was an RAF flight officer and saw action against Japan in Burma during the Second World War, while Beryl was a member of the Women's Royal Naval Service – known as the Wrens.

After the war, the pair, who were both born in Cardiff, were employed by the local gas board, he as a printing officer and she as a supervisor.

They met at a party organised by Beryl's cousin. Reg and Beryl soon married and have been practically inseparable since.

Reg originally arrived at Tŷ Llandaff for short-term respite care earlier this year, before Beryl joined him for nursing care.

He returned home, but could not be without his beloved wife, so came back to the care home in Conway Road, which was recently named in the Top 20 Recommended Care Homes in Wales for 2017 by a leading UK care home website, to become a permanent resident.

Less than one per cent of married couples live together in care homes in the UK and, controversially some local authorities will separate them from living in the same care home, if they do not meet certain criteria.

But, clearly, there was no way this couple were going to live in different care homes.

Reg said: "I was so impressed with Tŷ Llandaff when I first arrived and I thought it would be great for Beryl to come and stay with me as she was beginning



Reg and Beryl Williams.

to need more care. I loved our home, so I returned when I felt better, but soon came back. I couldn't be without her. We've been together for 70 years.

"Everyone is friendly at the care home and Beryl is getting all the care she needs. I love being in the same place, knowing she is being looked after.

"There is plenty to do. I enjoy attending local church services and Beryl and I have been taken on day trips out – with carers, of course – and we both enjoy the music entertainment the home regularly puts on. It's great."

When asked what is the secret to a long marriage, Reg replied: "To love one another, be contented, work together and the sharing of lovely holidays. We travelled the world together, going on cruises and so on."

Beryl said: "We've barely been apart from each other in 70 years. We've been living together at Tŷ Llandaff and it was the best thing for us. It is a marvellous place with plenty of space, excellent food and exceptional levels of care."

Tŷ Llandaff care home manager Janice Evans said: "Reg and Beryl are so lovely, together and we absolutely love having them here."

For more information about Tŷ Llandaff, call Janice on 02920 600 100, email info@tyllandaffcare.com or visit www.tyllandaffcare.com.

CHOIR'S EMOTIVE VISIT TO BELGIAN TWIN TOWN

BARRY Male Voice Choir's most recent visit to Europe was at the invitation of the town of Mouscron, Belgium, which is twinned with Barry.

The choir was honoured to provide a stirring start to celebrating the Belgian National Day (*Nationale feestdag van België; Fête nationale belge; Belgischer Nationalfeiertag*).

The varied programme was enjoyed in bright sunshine by a large appreciative audience. Everyone agreed that the bonds of friendship between Mouscron and the Vale had been further strengthened.

The strains of 'Tydi a Roddaist' and 'Hen Willad fy Nhadau' rose beneath a blue sky in peaceful fields of green, so very different to the mud and sludge into which horses, men and humanity disappeared 100 years ago.

The magnificent Menin Gate was the final formal engagement.

Thousands of spectators shared the moving commemoration service at which *Last Post* rang out and the Barry Male Voice Choir sang 'Bring Him Home' from *Les Misérables*.

An impromptu concert following the service was enjoyed by a crowd of several hundred people. Many followed

the choir to the Old Bill hostelry, where a harmonious afterglow continued to well past midnight – a chance for everyone, especially the talented musical team of Dorothy Connell and Emma Arscott to relax.

Louise and Martyn Todd, commenting on the choir's visit to Ypres, said: "Our aim was to pay a choral tribute to honour the fallen on distant battlefields and to do them proud in music and verse."

"One hundred years on, thousands upon thousands of lives lost and many stories still left untold. We were humbled by the enormity of their sacrifice."

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Dinas Powys Rotary Club's new president aims for 'fellowship and fun'



PICTURED (left to right): Colin Jones, Martyn Williams, Simon Watts (president), Kevin Fowler (outgoing president) and Tim Hubbard.

THE Rotary Club of Dinas Powys recently held its formal handover dinner meeting at the Seashore Grill, Sully, when Simon Watts was welcomed as the incoming president for 2017-2018.

This year marks some important anniversaries. Dinas Powys celebrates its 30th year since inauguration and Rotary in Wales marks its centenary.

The new president had a long career with Barclays Bank, latterly supporting small businesses in south Wales. In addition to Rotary, he is a keen fisherman and beekeeper.

He introduced his council members: Howard Gaylard (treasurer) and Martin Williams (secretary)

and thanked past president Kevin for all his good work over the previous year.

The RNLI and 1st Dinas Powys Scout Group were identified as Mr Watts' nominated charities for the year ahead. His priorities for the year are to build on the fundraising successes of 2016-2017, and to make a difference in the local community.

He also wishes to generate new membership and underpin membership with a spirit of fellowship and fun, which he believes is crucial both to long term sustainability and fundraising success.

Mr Watts also spoke of his plans for a satellite club to encourage new members to join and become involved with fundraising and social events.

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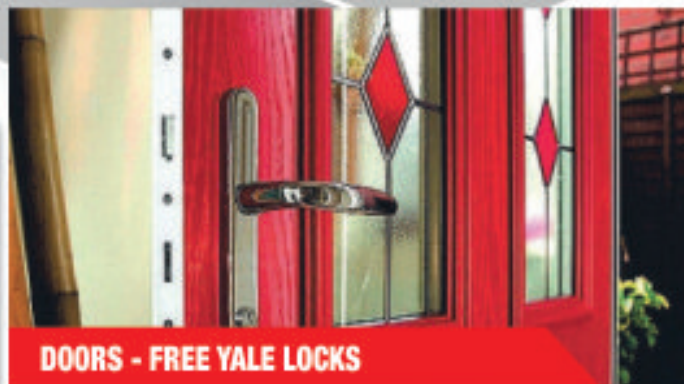
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As visit organiser John Buxton pointed out, Whitmore Bay provides a natural 'amphitheatre' for the aerial spectacle. Local photographers MIKE WILCOCK and JODIE REDBOURN captured the precision flying and some of the appreciative spectators. (Photos by Mike are marked 'MW' and those by Jodie are marked 'JR')

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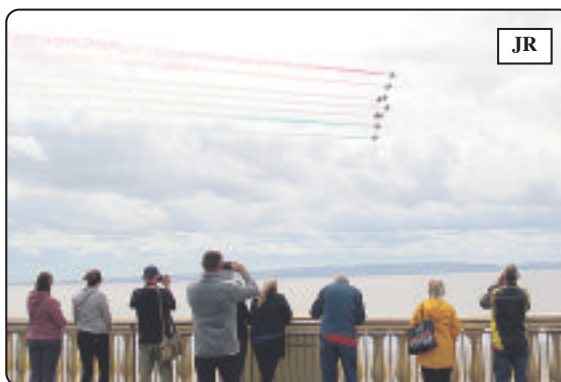


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Left to right: Senior Aircraftwoman Hannah Smoker, Flight Display Director Barry Neal, Cambrian Transport MD John Buxton, Squadron Leader Mike Ling



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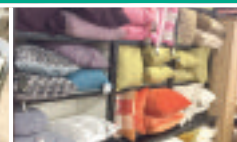
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Made in Dagenham at home in Barry!

WE would like to congratulate the Billboard Ensemble on their recent success, *Made in Dagenham – The Musical*, performed at the Memo Arts Centre.

From the moment the curtains went up, we were transported back to the '60s by the incredible set, costumes and beehives.

The cast and crew put on a fantastic show, and the audience were really drawn into the story of

the 'Essex girls who changed the world'.

It was definitely one of Billboard Ensemble's finest productions.

We would like to thank people for their continuing support of local amateur dramatic groups, as they bring quality entertainment to Barry and the Vale. **Margaret Wilkinson and Julie Aviet, Vale Barry Town Councillors, Michaela Richardson and Helen Payne, Barry Town Councillors, Barry.**

Nothing amateur about Made in Dagenham

ID like to congratulate all the cast, musicians and backstage members of Billboard Ensemble on their sublime production of *Made in Dagenham*, which showed at Barry Memorial Hall between July 25-28.

The show was brilliantly brought to life by all, and sitting there you would think you were watching a professional production, rather than an amateur show.

Everyone involved should be extremely proud of producing a show that was uplifting and emotionally-engaging throughout, and the standing ovation at the performance I attended was richly deserved.

Congratulations again.

Gareth Jamieson,

Sports and entertainment correspondent, The Glamorgan GEM.

Penarth churches also nominated in 'Sacred Wales' competition

IN The GEM last week, there was an article about St Illtud's Church at Llantwit Major being nominated in the National Churches Trust 'Sacred Wales' competition to find the most popular sacred site or building in Wales.

Readers of The GEM may be interested to know that two churches

in Penarth have also been nominated. They are St Augustine's Church – Penarth's only Grade 1 listed building – and Trinity Methodist Church.

To see all 50 nominated sites and to vote for your favourite, go to www.sacredwales.org.uk.

Voting is open until August 31.

Linda Guilfoyle,
Vale of Glamorgan.

'Uneaten food a treat for us gulls!'

ON Sunday, July 23 at Castleland Street, Barry, from 6am to 6.30am whoopee – what a party!

The food was provided, courtesy of three bags of recycling. A great time was had by all, and what fun we had ripping open those bags.

Being teetotal, we didn't bother with the beer cans and having no manners, we didn't use the paper party plates, either.

We left those and a load of unwanted items to decorate the street.

Having dined, we left the venue at 6.30am.

A gentleman left his bed and armed with a brush, rubber gloves and bin bag, picked up a

great deal of the mess we so enjoyed making around his car, the pavement, and around an elderly neighbour's home.

Our host watched him with beady eyes, ready to swoop in case any uneaten food was still available.

We seagulls had such a great time, we can't wait for another party at the same venue.

However, there are a number of miserable party poopers who reside at this venue, who use the bags and bins provided by your council for the purpose of waste food.

How dare you spoil our fun... Thanks for the great party, though.

The Gulls, Barry.

Readers' Letters

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B Last year, we had a 4.8 per cent increase and this year a 4.5 per cent, increase which clearly shows they are the same? I did not vote in favour of a merger with Cardiff because I know this would be a backward step. We reserve the right to edit all letters. We do NOT accept anonymous mail.



Support from Ally's allies

WE, the undersigned (and in the photograph above, taken doing voluntary work) are friends of Aladar (Ally) Gerevich, who wrote to your newspaper a couple of weeks ago.

We are writing in support of him because of the unpleasant, pompous, and patronising response his letter received from Niclas Ap Glyn recently.

The latter dismissed Ally's disquiet of a nationalistic sentiment by Jane Hutt AM, and despite his apparent knowledge, is clearly ignorant of the power of words, of language and the effect they have.

Your correspondent is very fortunate to have no comprehension or experience of the ethnic and religious hatred that has taken place, emboldened by words and language, on the Continent, in Rwanda, and any number of other countries.

It does not – and I have experience of working in some of these places – begin with a fist, a gun or a machete: it begins with words to separate one group from another. It is "hate speech".

Charities and politicians here in Wales harp on about being 'Welsh for Welsh people' or 'Wales for Welsh people' and no amount of sidestepping by Mr Glyn can avoid it. It is in your paper most weeks.

Mr Glyn should read any one of a number of scholarly articles on the use of language to separate different nationalities to create and foster nationalism.

I recommend beginning with *Language as an instrument of nationalism in Central Europe* by Tomas D E Kamusella.

He should also reflect on the words of Eric Blair [George Orwell] that: "...nationalism is power-hunger tempered by self-deception".

That definition fits, sadly, a number of my fellow Welshmen.

Helen Chutless (centre, above), Petar Gorsa, Brian O'Leary, Latif Mir, Colm Hughes, Dragan Tarlac, Huw Evans, Depan Sakwati, Ivenusz Palinski, Ally Gerevich, Jock Knox, Edward Barrett, Viktors Scerbatis, Paul Fox and Morgan Redding, Bridgend.

Timing of consultation period 'not in public's favour'

IAM writing regarding the second round of consultations for the Barry Incinerator.

NRW have now released copies of their response to the last round of consultations for public response. The document is very large and made up of loose papers – not very professional.

Written for public consultation i.e. easy to read, easy reference system, plain English, presented in a manner that would encourage anyone interested in reading it to do so? No.

They haven't exactly gone out of their way to put everyone's minds at rest, or to say how good the incinerator (or whatever they wish to call it) is going to be for

Barry and the Vale.

The timing was for August; time allowed to respond – 28 days. Length of report – you would probably struggle to read it in a day. To digest it and then formulate a response – a couple of days at least.

If people were hoping that Barry Town Council will once again commission a non-biased report to be produced by Capita, have you wondered how many at Capita will be on holiday? Have you wondered how many of the town councillors will be on holiday?

Have you wondered if the officer to procure the said report is on holiday? Have you wondered how many of DIAG

will be on holiday?

I wonder how many of the public will on holiday during the consultation period?

I bet Biomass have.

So because of the timing, I wrote to our First Minister, Carwyn Jones AM, asking him to look into the timing of the consultation period and use his influence to ensure we are granted an extension in the consultation period. I also asked to him to ensure an announcement was given quickly on this.

His response? Automatic email; I can expect to wait up to 17 days for a response.

Dave Weston,
Vale of Glamorgan.

Use money 'wasted' on cycle paths to maintain the roads

IN reply to Alan Peasey's letter in The GEM last week, regarding cycle path usage, cycle paths are there for cyclists to use.

They have been campaigned for by the cyclist, but paid for from the public purse.

There is no charge for using them, yet the "look at me, I'm saving the planet" brigade, refuse to use them because they are not kept clean.

He even suggests that the roads are "safer routes." Has he actually looked at the state of our

roads lately? Furthermore, the writer also suggests that others should buy brushes and keep these paths clean. I would say that he should get off his high saddle and tackle this perceived problem himself.

I think the time has come to stop pandering to this minority group and put the money wasted on cycle routes that no one uses, to better use and make our roads better for everyone!

I'm sure cyclists would agree, as they seem to prefer riding on them.
Keith Jenkins, Barry.

An appeal on behalf of carers

DO GEM readers know that there are 6.8 million carers in the UK and every day another 6,000 people take on a caring responsibility?

Unpaid carers face huge challenges in providing care for disabled or older loved ones.

For instance, according to our own research, a third of carers have never had any significant time off since they started caring. Would your readers like to do something about that?

I work for a fantastic charity called Revitalise. We provide much-needed respite holidays for disabled people and carers at three accessible UK centres, and we're appealing to the nation on BBC Radio 4 to ask for more support for the nation's unsung army of carers.

Our appeal will be broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on Sunday, August 13 at 7.55am and 9.26pm, then repeated on Thursday, August 17 at 3.27pm.

To find out more about our appeal, visit our website: www.revitalise.org.uk.

Colin Brook,
Revitalise.

presented by our good friend, the writer and comedian Arthur Smith, who is a vice-president of Revitalise.

Arthur talks about his own experience as a carer for his mother Hazel, then goes on to tell the story of Mavis and Colin, who recently benefited from a respite break with Revitalise, which helped sustain their relationship.

Mavis and Colin have been married for 56 years. When Mavis developed MS in her 20s, Colin gave up work to care for her, but was himself diagnosed with dementia in 2002 and Mavis is now his carer.

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What price the 'circular economy'?

WHAT do the EU, UK Government, Welsh Government, local authorities and global business (including Aviva) have in common?

They are all signed up in various statements of intent to become carbon neutral and introduce a circular economy.

On July 5, the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths, spoke of her ambition for the Welsh public sector to be carbon neutral by 2030.

This statement is worth reading; it says that the public sector has identified ways of reducing emissions by 27 per cent, leading the way in UK recycling, reducing costs by 5 per cent and that – "Wales is in the forefront of global action on climate change" and "introducing ground-breaking legislation of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act".

The Welsh Government commissioned a report in 2013 from the Ellen MacArthur Foundation into the benefits of a circular economy for Wales.

The report stated that put fully in place, there could be material cost savings of up to £2 billion per annum and

through extra economic activity, the creation of 30,000 jobs.

The latest investment in 2017 is £6.5 million and rising to £70 million over the next few years.

Reading the statement, it might be construed that for all the rhetoric, our Government is outsourcing its waste, and its responsibility, to the private sector – by allowing incineration at various sites in Wales, including Barry – thereby not including the wider society in their high-flown aims of carbon neutrality, better air, job creation and a healthier future.

But Government will tick environmental boxes at the expense of us all.

The latest statement from NRW says only clean wood will be incinerated, but after many submissions, Biomass 2 admit in their latest version that mixed and contaminated wood will be burned if a licence is granted.

Given the scant regard for the future generations of Wales shown by our leaders, it is no shock that a polluting incinerator has been sited just a few metres from the centre of Barry.

Leon Robertson,
Vale of Glamorgan.

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No Coastal Communities funding for the Vale

NO organisations or projects in the Vale of Glamorgan received money in the latest round of the Coastal Communities Fund, it has emerged.

South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies visited Barry Community Water Activity Centre last week, where he met with Philip Walters and chairman Chris Basten.

They raised concerns that they had not had an opportunity to secure funding from the scheme and Mr Davies submitted two written questions to cabinet secretary for communities and children, Carl Sargeant.

Mr Davies asked when the next round of funding would become available, and how organisations

could apply. He also asked how many groups in the Vale had benefitted from the scheme.

The funding was introduced by the Welsh and UK Governments, but is administered by the Welsh Government and the Big Lottery Fund, which this week announced £4 million worth of grants for coastal communities across Wales.

None of these was in the Vale.

Mr Davies said: "It was great to visit Barry Community Water Activity Centre when concerns were raised regarding Coastal Communities Funding. I put some questions to the cabinet secretary, but I'm still waiting on a response, I was disappointed to hear the announcement that no organisations from the Vale were included."

'Clean bill of health' for council

THE Vale Council has received further positive feedback from the Wales Audit Office (WAO) in its Annual Improvement Report on the authority for 2016/17.

The report brings together the conclusions of several inspections carried out during the year and gives the council a clean bill of health across a number of aspects of its performance.

The most recent report, which assessed how the council manages major service changes, concluded

that the council "has a clear corporate framework for determining and delivering service changes and effective arrangements to support delivery."

It praised the council's Reshaping Services programme, which it said enabled changes to be managed effectively, and pointed to effective working between cabinet and senior managers, recognising the range of staff engagement and training that is carried out.

The Annual Improvement Report also gives an update on the WAO's Corporate Assessment report, released in August 2016,

which evaluated the authority's capacity to deliver continuous improvement. That report concluded the Vale Council had "a clear vision of what it wants to achieve and is making positive changes which should ensure it is well placed to continue securing improvement".

Areas that were complimented included the clear vision of the council; effective leadership supporting the change agenda; and improving performance management arrangements. AS

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ACTIVITY in the property market across the UK is rising steadily after a brief slowdown was reported in the run-up to the general election.

New figures from NAEA Propertymark show estate agents are busier, with the average number of sales agreed per branch up from 10 in May to 11 in June. There was also a 10 per cent surge in the number of house hunters registered with each branch, up to 384 in June.

The proportion of sales made to first-time buyers also increased, reaching 30 per cent in June. This is the highest it has been in any month since January and an indicator of the growing opportunities available to first-time buyers in the current market.

Kevin Shaw, national sales director at property specialist Leaders, said: "The statistics and our own evidence suggest the market has bounced back since the general election and is now on a firm upward trajectory."

"It is common for major political events – such as an election – to cause a downturn in activity as sellers and buyers wait for the outcome. But with any uncertainty now in the past, more people are on the lookout for their next home and more sales are being agreed and completed."

"Of course, a busy June is no surprise as the summer months are exceptionally popular with home movers, but the fact the number of registered buyers was 16 per cent higher this June than in June 2016 underlines the fundamental strength of the market right now."

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Penarth visitors hear of charity's dementia-friendly plans for hospice

A GROUP of people living with dementia have visited a Penarth hospice to find out about a terminal illness charity's services – and to give staff tips on making it a dementia-friendly community.

The Service User Review Panel from Gwent and their carers, who are supported by the Alzheimer's Society, headed to the Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice recently and following a tour of the hospice, there was a meet and greet for the visitors and a Q and A session, where the visitors answered questions from hospice staff about supporting people with dementia.

Monica Reardon, who leads the Including Diverse Communities in End of Life Care project, is aiming to ensure the hospice secures Dementia Friendly status, and invited the group along to help put a plan of action together to achieve this.

The group fed back that white walls were too clinical, and colour on



Alzheimer's Society Panel members met the diversity project team and nurse inpatient manager Ceri Davies at the Marie Curie Cardiff and Vale hospice in Penarth.

some walls would help give the hospice a more homely feel. They loved the décor in the hospice's day therapy unit, and said the vibrant colours were stimulating.

Discussions were also held around crockery for people living with dementia at meal times, signs around the hospice being visual as well as literal and flooring being less patterned in bathrooms.

During the Q and A session, discussions were held around what would make someone living with dementia – and their carers – feel the hospice was safe and secure, and how they would want staff to discuss plans for future care.

"It was important to us to work with this group in putting together our dementia friendly plan," said Monica. Linda Willis, a terminal condition and

Alzheimer's Society the need for compassionate, person-centred care and advanced care planning to best support people affected by dementia who are at the latter stages of the condition.

Sue Phelps, director of Alzheimer's Society Cymru added: "Our partnership with Marie Curie reflects the importance we place on recognising dementia as

the need for compassionate, person-centred care and advanced care planning to best support people affected by dementia who are at the latter stages of the condition. "We would also encourage staff to receive dementia-specific training to develop their understanding in order to effectively adapt care plans."





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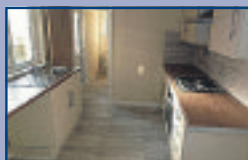
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'FANTASTIC' SPORTS DAY AT BARRY COMPREHENSIVE



Jake Frost (standing) in the shot put.



ABOVE:
The start of the year-7 100 metres race.



Mason Gunter, year-8, in the long jump.

BARRY Comprehensive School's sports day was recently held at Jenner Park.

Pupils from all year groups competed in track and field events throughout the day, demonstrating skill, ability, determination and resilience to fight it out for the points needed to be crowned house champions 2017!

This year saw a new initiative, where all pupils in every year group had to complete a 100m sprint, which ensured that everyone contributed to their house total.

Also, all other track events were 'open' and many pupils took the opportunity to compete in a number of disciplines.

The event was watched by a good sized crowd who witnessed some fantastic performances throughout the day, whilst staff officiated to make sure it ran smoothly.

Well done to everyone involved, and a massive thank you from the PE Department for making it such a successful school community day.

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New project aims to make pupils more 'disability aware'



Pupils taking the course at Jenner Park.

Primary schoolchildren across the Vale have learnt how to involve everyone in day to day activities, in a project organised by Disability Sport Wales.

The aim of the course was to learn more about what disabled children, young people and adults can do, as well as how children can include their friends in all PE and physical activities.

The project was launched in January and pupils from St Helens RC Primary School, Gwenfo Primary, Jenner Park Primary, Oakfield Primary, Palmerston Primary and St Athan all took part.

Now, local Scout groups have also shown interest in taking part. Members at the 11th Barry Sea Scouts were the first group to complete the training outside school.

The 2nd and 4th Barry Beavers and 1st Penmark Cubs also completed the course and achieved their disability awareness badges.

The 1st Penmark Cubs will put their training to good use with an inclusive archery session later in the year.

Simon Jones, the Disability Sport Wales development officer, said: "I spoke with Disability Sport Wales about talking to school pupils about disability inclusion training and the idea piloted in Cardiff.

"The message of the course is to show its okay to ask someone questions on what is the best way to get them involved if you're not sure.

"The feedback we've had has been brilliant, and it's great to see so many proactive schools in the Vale who want to make sure everyone has the chance to take part in sport and physical activity."



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INTELLIGENT MOTION

Glamorgan Pony Club off to championships

ON Sunday, July 23, Glamorgan Pony Club hosted the Area 10 (south Wales and borders) Show Jumping Qualifier at Alps Park Equestrian Centre in Wenvoe.

With a huge amount of organisation and planning, we managed everything except for the weather, which proved to be rather wet and made the competitions a bit more tricky, a correspondent reports.

With 36 teams and in excess of 130 riders, it was a long day. The competition started at 9am with the Open, which was won by Monmouth Pony Club. It was followed by the Intermediate class, where the going was quite slippery, with no teams qualifying – but two members, Evie Vaughan-Jones and Nonnie Medlicott, came out with first and second, qualifying for the championships.

Two other riders from Pentrych Pony Club were placed fifth and sixth, Abbey Parfitt and Emily Hunt.

Next came the Novice competition, with 14 teams vying for the two qualifying places. Two teams from the club entered – Glamorgan Red: Alice Pembridge, Clare Brown, Emilia Johns-Powell and Abbie Griffiths who were the first team to go, followed by Glamorgan Green: Josie Dix, Bethany Jarvis, Esme Freeman and Kate Brown. Alex Fenner also competed as



The Glamorgan Pony Club hosted the event at Wenvoe.

an individual. After two difficult rounds, two teams were neck and neck – Golden Valley and Glamorgan Green. Both teams qualified for the championships, with Golden Valley just coming out on top on time.

Glamorgan Red came fourth as a team, with Alice Pembridge fifth as an individual. Local rider Charlotte Tudor came second and Pony Club Dinas Powys team were sixth.

The championships will be held at Chomondley Castle, Cheshire on August 18-22. The club has an eventing team competing, plus individuals in dressage and intermediate

eventing.

Finally, the Grassroots competition was aimed at younger riders for them to gain some experience of competing at a higher level, so they can qualify for the regional championships in Cirencester. This class was the biggest of the day, with 17 teams involved.

Glamorgan entered Team Orange: Hugo Morgan, Owen John, George Edgell and Rhys Ford and Team Purple of Elin James, Megan Francis, Cerys Richards and Alice Freeman. Neither team was placed, but all our riders did us proud, being some of the youngest riders there. Owen John came third as an individual, George Edgell was fifth and

Megan Francis seventh.

All three will represent the club at the regional championships in August. Local rider Megan Tarney of Dinas Powys also qualified. The club wishes to thank Nick Coles and Richard Conway for hosting the event at Alps Park and for their great support.

The club would also like to thank Millers Contractors, Cooke & Arkwright, Tyla Farm DIY, Layton Edwards, Cottrell Park Golf Resort, Freeman Eye Care, Arthur John & Co, C P Motor Services, Llantwit Self Storage, The Place for Homes, Vale Pet Sitters, B & W Equine Group, NFU Mutual, Vale Solicitors, Premier Forest Group.

Anglers sought for Llantwit Major charity competition

THE second Llantwit Major Charity Fishing Competition takes place on Sunday, August 20, to raise funds for Ty Hafan and Benjamin Morgan-Brownhill from Rhoose, who suffers from a rare kidney disorder.

The competitions held over the past six years have raised more than £9,000 for a bio-feedback machine for children with bladder disorders, Cystic Fibrosis (Imperial College, London), Marie Curie, The Stroke Association, Diabetes UK, Mental Health Awareness, Wales Air

Ambulance and Jade's Wish to Walk.

These funds could not have been raised without the continued support from sponsors, donations from local businesses and the participating anglers.

For this year's competition, the organisers wish to thank Bobby Jones of Q-Cars, Treforest, for donating the first prize of £250; Marie Hughes of Llantwit Major Beach Cafe for donating the second prize of £150 and supporting the competition each year; Dai and Claire Loder for the third prize of £75 and Chris Davies Estate and Letting Agents for donating £50.

There will also be three other

£50 cash prizes donated by BDP heating, Tata Sea Angling Club and SA1 Fishing Club. Raffle prizes have been donated by local businesses including Sunkissed, The New Best Kebab, Ben's Barbers, plus more prizes to be won.

Anglers can pre-book at Ewenny's Angling, Bob's Tackle, Garry Evans, Fishing World, Holton Road Angling, Keens or Llantwit Major Beach Cafe on the morning from 7am and enjoy a hearty cooked breakfast before the competition!

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Belle Vue bowls team slip up

PENARTH Belle Vue Bowling Club played Cadoxton Bowling Club in the Cardiff and District League on July 29, when Belle Vue came unstuck, going down to Cadoxton 86-56; 12 points to 2 points.

Rink one went down 12-19; the lead was Dave Bradley, No. 2 Richard Brant, No. 3 Paul Paterson and the skip who tried all he knew to stay in touch, but to no avail.

Rink two had only three players and they came to grief, losing 25-8. Lead was Gerry Field, No. 3 was Barrie Bagwell and the skip was Dave Purser.

Rink three went down 21-14 up against another very good rink. Lead was Colin Scammell and

No.2 was Graham Duggen, No. 3 was John Allen and the skip was Les Aubrey.

Rink four was the only rink to win in a thrilling game. All the way through, Belle Vue were four down with one end to go but the skip performed to his very best to give five shots, winning by one shot, 22-21.

The lead was Frank Keen, No. 2 was Len Fowler, No.3 was Dave Miller, and the skip was captain Malcolm Thomas, who was outstanding.

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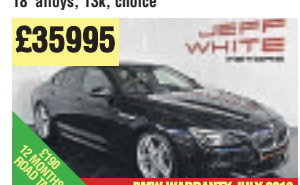
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MEMORIAL BOWLING EVENT FOR LEZ ROGERS SMASHES A RECORD

The Lez Rogers Memorial Doubles is now in its 11th year.

It is a tenpin bowling tournament in memory of Lez Rogers, an Airforce sergeant from Barry, who died in Melbourne, Australia, in 2006, before he could compete in the Commonwealth Championships.

He was the top Welsh bowler at the time of his death.

This year, it took place at the Astra Bowl in RAF Brize Norton, Lez's first Airforce posting. A total of 88 bowlers competed, and the first squad was at 6pm on Friday, July 21.

While it was the smallest of all the squads, with just seven teams, it was certainly the noisiest. All bowlers bowl as a doubles team with a handicap based on the entering average, and the team that scores the most on handicap after six games is the winner.

However, it is a tournament with a difference as rock music is played throughout. The majority are songs Lez liked or that his wife Kay and Lez enjoyed in their younger days.

The tournament also raises money for the British Heart Foundation and last year raised in excess of £500.

This year, a special



ABOVE: Andy Preece and Sam Potts (runners up) with Mike Williams and Kay Rogers.

shirt was produced for it with a small donation from each shirt also going to the BHF.

The bowl staff worked tirelessly all weekend and also played the music, and there was a very cosy atmosphere in the bowling centre.

While team numbers were down, the reason for this was due to other tournaments going on both home and abroad but still at 88 teams it was a respectable number.

Whilst the bowling was going on there were raffle tickets sold and two raffles were held over the Saturday and the Sunday.

There were some special prizes donated by Lez's mum, Brenda Rogers. She had made a

basket full of Welsh food and drink and this was won by Judy Moffat (one of the 20 strong teams from the Big Boys Bowlers Club now regularly entering this event).

Brenda had also crocheted a blanket supporting our troops and, ironically, it was won by RAF bowler, Aaron Clark.

Saturday was a busy day and saw some good scores going in with the 'Gruesome Twosome' of Andy Preece and Sam Potts taking the lead.

By the end of the night, the score had been overtaken by the Welsh pairing of Gareth Roberts and Mike Williams.

The Sunday squads were all full and there were still some very good

bowlers to come. However, Gareth and Mike hung onto their lead with 2,716 to take the coveted title.

Second went to Gruesome Twosome with 2,705, closely followed by Pinheads 2 on 2,695, featuring Jason Agate and James Footner.

The total raised for the British Heart Foundation this year was £688.25, totally smashing last year's amount.

A fantastic total and many thanks go to the kind permission of the Station Commander of Brize Norton for agreeing to host the event.

Everyone is already talking about the 2018 event and let us hope we can raise an even higher total.

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ABOVE: Kay Rogers and daughter Carriane in the specially-designed bowling shirts.



ABOVE: The Lez Rogers Memorial Doubles winners, Mike Williams and Gareth Roberts.

Keegan signs for Cardiff City Academy



Keegan Saunders, Cardiff City under-9s latest signing.

KEEGAN SAUNDERS recently signed for Cardiff City under-9s academy.

Keegan told THE GEM: "I would like to thank Myles Case and New Broad Street Motors for sponsoring me this season."

"I will try my best and work hard."

Mixed week for Millwood

As the season approaches its climax games came thick and fast and Tuesday evening saw Millwood make the short trip to Romilly Park to play Romilly in the Brian Oliver Memorial Trophy game

After five ends Millwood held a narrow two-shot lead but over the next five the home team began to hit their stride and, with the honourable exception of the rink led by Brian Crockford, who won comfortably by 22-9, the Millwood rinks were beaten.

The game was played in its usual competitive manner and we look forward to next year's return fixture.

Saturday saw the return to the serious business of league competition and the club side travelled to Treharis/Trelewis for a Division Four match.

With both sides in with a chance of promotion the stakes were high. After five ends the scores were level at 19 pieces but at 10 ends the home side had edged into a 45-31 lead.

After 15 ends Peter Taylor and his rink had edged into the lead, with Keith Davies reducing the deficit on his rink to three. These two skips managed to come out on top at the end of the matches.

Unfortunately, the remaining two skips, Brian

Romilly's prospects improved by victory over Ystrad Mynach

After a poor performance the previous week against Gilfach Bargoed, Romilly's bowls team needed to bounce back with a win against visitors Ystrad Mynach to ease their league position in what's becoming a tight competition.

Ystrad Mynach were welcomed to Romilly Park last Saturday on a fine but breezy afternoon in a similar position to Romilly, requiring a positive result to improve their league position.

Romilly were hit by three late withdrawals but were able to call on Jerry Daly, Des Bannister and Fred Phillips.

The late changes didn't affect 'the Rom' as they got off to a positive start, leading by 13 shots by the end of the fifth with all rinks holding an advantage.

Between the sixth and 10th ends, the visitors reduced their deficit to eight, as Brian Foscolo's rink went behind by four, but Mike Doyle's rink of Kelvyn Mills, Terry Bloomfield and Gwynne Rees offset that by taking an eight-shot lead.

Graham Cogbill's rink was level while Jeff Wright's rink were holding four-shot advantage, leaving the overall score at this juncture 40-32 in the Rom's favour.

At the start of the second half it was imperative for Romilly to dig in and look for an unassailable lead and this was where Doyle's rink really got on top of their opponents, going 17 ahead by the start of the 16th end.

Also, Foscolo's rink of Gary Eastment, Paul Swannick and Alun Bryan fought back from four down to take a one-shot lead and the rink of Jerry Daly, Fred Phillips, Mel Newman and skip Wright were holding a seven-shot advantage.

Cogbill's rink, including father and son Alan and Des Bannister and at third, Clive Collins had gone one down at this stage.

Going into the final six ends the Rom held a 26-shot advantage and were looking comfortable.

The rinks of Doyle and Wright continued to outplay their opponents for 13 and 12 shot wins respectively, while Foscolo's rink were having a great tussle with the score at 19-19 going into the last end where the Romilly rink made one shot to win 20-19.

Unfortunately, Cogbill's rink, although picking counts of three on the last two ends, lost out by four shots 18-22. Still, Romilly collected 12 points, winning overall by 22 shots (88-66).

Next week, the Rom have a difficult game away to table topping Ferndale.

Romilly's A team continue to struggle and are looking odds on to be relegated as they have struggled this season with numbers, but one positive is that their new players, Paul James, Phil Edwards, Stuart Simpson, Eric Fortt plus the return of Kenny Wesgate bodes well for next season.

Once again the Romilly Club are performing well in the Munro Cup with recent wins against Penarth Rectory and Cadoxton taking them to the top of the table, and if maximum points are gained over Penarth Belle Vue in the final game of the season should be sufficient to win the Cup this year. **FP**

Good tournament experience for Barry Chess Club Members

It's all over now. Twelve months to go before the next British Chess Championships.

A total of 103 players took part in the main championship. The Welsh contingent was three, with Lee Davis the sole representative of Barry Chess Club.

Lee was ranked 92nd out of the 103 players. The standard was clearly very high. After four rounds of play Lee was one of three players yet to trouble the scorers.

BARRY CENTRAL FIND VICTORY JUST SLIPS AWAY AGAINST SPLOTT

Windsor Penarth were the visitors to Barry Central on a damp Wednesday evening.

Although the rain eased off, they found the central green to heavy for them but kept in a very tight game to the end, with lead Des Hunt having a game to be proud of, putting the pressure on from the start.

The rink of Rob Pearce was a man short, just losing by a quarter of a shot, Central held on for a fine win.

Scores: Rink 1, J Bergland 12-12, M Hope; rink 2, R Pearce 11.75-12, Murdock; rink 3, T Kaged 14-10 K McLeod; rink 4, T Goddard 10-11 P Gunter. **Final score: 47.75-45.**

On Saturday in the CML, Central welcomed Splott Phoenix and were hoping for another win but sadly threw it away, holding a four-shot lead after five ends, increasing it to 15, and then leading by 10 with six ends to go, the home team fell away to lose by 5 shots.

Scores: Rink 1, T Goddard 33-6 R Pearce; rink 2, D Goddard 16-22 V Griffin; rink 3 J Bergland 14-23 G Watts; rink 4, A Rogers 8-25 D Wilcox. **Final score 71-76.** This was a game that Central could and should have won but through inconsistent jack tossing by some leads it was not to be.

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In round five, Lee was playing on board 51 and probably was so far away he couldn't see the top board. He broke his duck in this round with a draw and managed a further three draws in the final four rounds.

This gave him a score of two from nine and left him in equal 99th place, only a half point behind his seeding.

Amongst the other tournaments there was a British Weekend under 1825 event. Another Barry player, Sam Jukes, took part. From his five games, Sam managed two wins, two losses and a draw to finish on 2.5 out of 5.

Overall, both Lee and Sam returned home with a reduction in their personal ratings of approximately 30 points but I am sure they enjoyed the experience, even if it proved to be a little tiring.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7:30 pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website, we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival. For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>

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EVAN'S FFOS LAS WINNER

Llancarfan's Evan Ffos Las last Thursday.

A winner of a handicap hurdle at Ffos Las in June, *Catcher On The Go* beat the favourite Watervine Dancer by one-and-a-quarter lengths and was returned at odds of 12-1.

Brian Lee

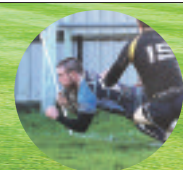
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SUNDAY NIGHT IS OPENING NIGHT FOR BARRY TOWN!

AFTER 13 years, the Welsh Premier League makes its long-awaited return to Jenner Park this Sunday night, as promoted Barry Town welcome WPL ever-presents Aberystwyth Town in a 5.15pm kick-off.

A bumper crowd is expected for the landmark fixture, with supporters able to pay on the evening at the Barry Road and Gladstone Road turnstiles for £7 (adults), £5 (seniors/students) and £3 (children).

After goals from Louis Gerrard and new signing Ryan Newman defeated neighbours Ely Rangers in their final pre-season friendly, Barry finalised their 25-man squad for the campaign ahead this week, with prospects Michael George, Callum Flynn and Joe Baker joining established heads Lewis Cosslett and Dan Bradley and returning back-up Joe Massaro in completing the on-field personnel.

For the Sunday night fixture, influential goalkeeper Mike Lewis is anticipated to start between the sticks against his former club, having appeared over 100 times for the west Wales side in the WPL.

In defence, Chris Hugh and Luke Cooper are expected to feature, after each played a major role in the team's 2017-18 Welsh League Division One title-winning season, with hometown trio Curtis Watkins, Paul Morgan and Ryan Evans among the other options at Gavin Chesterfield's disposal.

Leading the way in midfield, captain James Sadder will don the Barry Town armband once more, with six-season teammate Troy Greening and 2015-16 recruits Louis Gerrard and Callum Sainty the other familiar faces in a midfield bolstered by new signings Newman, Sam Jones and Elliot Scooter.

Finally, the Jenner Park faithful can look forward to some exciting attacking moments this season, with the explosive Kayne McLaggan joining the home team's front line, where TJ Nagi, Drew Fahiya, Jordan Cotterill, James Dixon and Tyrrell Webbe have already scored some 257 goals between them.

This Sunday night's fixture, which will be broadcast by S4C, will be the Town's first in the Welsh top flight since May 1, 2004, when Colin Addison's Barry side ran out 3-1 winners over Port Talbot Town.

In two interesting coincidences, Barry lifted their last Welsh Premier title after a home match with Aberystwyth and also kicked off their final WPL



TYRRELL WEBBE.

campaign to date against the Park Avenue outfit.

The visitors to Jenner Park finished 10th out of 12 last season, escaping relegation by four points and will kick off the 2017-18 season under the new management of WPL stalwart Neville Powell; a former Welsh Premier League and Welsh Cup winner as boss of Bangor City.

Following their clash with Aberystwyth, Barry embark on their opening long-haul trip of the season, as they travel to Cymru Alliance champions Prestatyn Town on Saturday, August 19 (2.30pm kick-off).

This meeting of the Welsh Premier's newly-promoted pairing will be only the second in history, following a keenly-contested Welsh Cup semi-final tie at Newtown's Latham Park in April 2013.

The club will be running return travel to the match at Bastion Gardens from Jenner Park, with supporters encouraged to become a club member for 2017-18 in order to secure their place.

Membership cards are available now from officer Mark Hollis and will be on sale at the Jenner Suite on Thursday, with a host of discounts for the forthcoming season on offer as part of the package.

Season ticket cards remain on sale at £100 (adults), £70 (seniors/students) and £35 (children) and will be available for purchase or collection from the Jenner Suite this Thursday evening (7pm-8pm).

Treharris injury blow brings pre-season friendly to premature end

AS part of a three-match build-up for the new season, Barry entertained Treharris from Division 3 in a friendly at the Reservoir Field last Saturday

With the game split into 20-minute periods and rolling substitutes allowed, it obviously lacked continuity, but nevertheless, provided a highly-entertaining afternoon of rugby.

The skill level of both sides was to be admired and whilst the final score of 15 - 5 to Barry was not a try feat this was an indication of the defensive strength on show.

Unfortunately, the match was brought to an early end following a serious injury to a Treharris player. The club wish him a speedy recovery and a quick return to action.

It was the visitors who scored first when quick recycling from an early penalty caught the Barry defence out of position and saw them cross wide out for an unconverted try.

Playing into a strong breeze, Barry were struggling to make their possession count and despite some promising attacking moves with ball in hand lack of game time led to inevitable breakdowns.

They finally got on the scoresheet with a monstrous penalty from over 50m into a stiff breeze from Barross

With both sides intent on attack, the game was fast

and open and on more than one occasion, the visitors got close to the Barry tryline but couldn't cross.

During the next period with changes being made Barry began to continue to exert pressure, but couldn't find a way through a solid defence and it finally took a show of forward power to create the space for Rhys O'Sullivan to drive over to give Barry the lead, with Barros adding the conversion.

Both sides continued to attack at every opportunity but with defences on top, the scoreline remained unaltered.

The Barry eight had gained some superiority up front, providing good ball for the backs to attack and a series of drives saw them into the visitors 22.

A quick penalty saw fast hands create space for Perry to cross for a well worked try and with no conversion the game was 15 - 5 to Barry.

Minutes later, the unfortunate injury led to the referee calling the game off.

For the first runoff of the season, I'm sure the coaching staff will be pleased in what they saw, and also the new faces to the club who appeared to settle in well.

Pre season continues next Saturday when Barry entertain Lydney, Glos, a side that have hosted them for the past two years in what will be another tough encounter.

A lottery winner still proves impossible to find as last week's numbers 03 - 16 - 17 and 18 were not matched, the jackpot this week will be £5750. **AJ**

Penarth Windsor team sweeps into Cup final

A superb display by both rinks against Llantwit Major put Penarth Windsor through to the final of the Alan Martin Cup – the scores were Matthews, Gunter Holmes and Woodcock, 22-9, Flitney, Hudson, Close and McLeod, 17-11.

The only team success for the men came in the PG1 game against Pontyrrych where they claimed all 14 points to consolidate their second position in the table.

Rink scores were: Lewis, Ellard, Rees and Close, 22-18; Matthews, Burton, Gunter and Holmes, 25-13; Flitney, Rogers, Hudson and McLeod, 28-10; Evans, Palfrey, Hope and Woodcock, 29-13.

It was a different story for the PG2 team who made the long trip to Dowlais and were soundly beaten by a strong Guest Memorial team. There was, however, one rink success for Derek Davies with Cuccinello, Woodcock and the evergreen Meredith.

The Alliance team travelled to Cardiff Athletic and managed to win on three rinks but a heavy defeat on the fourth saw them defeated overall by four shots.

Rink scores were: Owen, Adams, White and Daniel, 14-11; Collier, Brenton, Morris and Hales, 16-12; Peregrine, Armstrong, Williams and Howells, 19-9; Ellis; Mathias, Johnson and Morgan, 7-28.

The Munro Cup team travelled to Barry Central to play in torrential rain on the heaviest of greens. Many of the team found the conditions too difficult, whereas the home team seemed not to have the same problems.

However, there were good rink wins for Hope with Evans, Palfrey and Evans and for Gunter with Matthews, Rogers and Burton.

Thursday saw the arrival of Murray's Marauders at the Windsor. This was a team of occasional bowlers put together to honour the inimitable David Murray, a part time bowler and full time raconteur whose illness has meant he can no longer live in the area.

The Marauders, dressed in battle headgear and led by event organiser, Para Dennis Morgan, took to the green and surprised many of the Windsor team

bowlers with their ability.

In their defence, the Windsor team never quite got over the fear struck by the Marauders' pre-match haka. With David Murray in good form, the post-match soiree was one of the best ever experienced at the Club and was a fitting tribute to our great friend.

Now to the Ladies and star billing goes to the Double Rink team who produced their best form of the season to record a win against Pontyclun in their final game.

Led by club captain Joy Stockton, they triumphed by six shots. P Farrell, C Dyer, G Latham, D Ellard, 13-16; B Ellis, J Davies, M Huntley, J Stockton, 19-10.

There was a draw for the Evening League team away at Roath Park. C Fitzgerald, B Dunlop, V Flitney, M Owen 16-14; C Gunter, M Scarrett, D Roper, D Thomas 15-17.

There was, however, a disappointing defeat for the Afternoon League team at home to Millwood, following a previous victory on all three rinks in the away fixture. Sadly, all that could be salvaged on this occasion was a draw for S Howells, S Paterson, V Flitney and M Owen.

MIGHTY FLINT STRIKES AGAIN!

THERE'S no stopping the Vale's John Flint – on Monday, at Salisbury, his three-year-old Love And Be Loved, partnered by 3lb claimer George Wood, landed the Dartmouth General Contractors Ltd Handicap (Division 2) over a mile.

Love And Be Loved, a 9-2 chance, was winning for the second time this season, and on this form, a third win could soon be on the cards.

Wood made it a double when winning the closing Bathwick Tyres Salisbury Handicap over a mile and six furlongs, on the bottom weighted Ocean Gale. **BRIAN LEE**

CENTURIONS SLIP UP BUT ARE STILL IN TITLE RACE

Sully Centurions came unstuck at Pontymister & Cross Keys, in a game that was interrupted by rain breaks, when they were unable to cope with the damp conditions and slumped to a 62 run defeat.

However, with leaders Crumlin also suffering a loss, the title race is still on.

The hosts batted first and were soon in trouble when Jake Griffith removed opener Dan Jones for just 3. But the rest of the batsmen all contributed to give Pontymister a decent total of 160 for 7.

Jake Griffith, with 3 for 24 and David Goodway (2 for 33) returned the best bowling figures for Centurions.

In reply, four Sully wickets had fallen with just 10 runs on the board. Only David Goodway seemed to be able to stick around as wickets continued to fall.

His partnership with Nick Jones (23) gave Centurions some hope of a recovery, but the tail fell cheaply and Goodway was left on 45 not out as the innings closed on 98 all out. Best bowling for Pontymister was from Ben Morgan, with 4 for 15.

Pontymister & Cross Keys 160-7 Sully Centurions 98 all out
Second XI

The Seconds hosted Pontymister & Cross Keys Second XI at Burnham Avenue with several regulars unavailable and were eventually to end up worthy winners.

Batting first, the visitors got off to a solid start with openers Brown (55) and Powell (23) looking set before Powell was dismissed by Iwan Thomas with 48 on the board.

However, only one more batsman managed to reach double figures (McDonald – 23) and the Centurions bowlers had the upper hand, restricting Pontymister to 140 for 7. Luke Canter took 3 for 14, with support from Peter Thomas (2 for 28).

The Centurions innings got off to a shaky start, with early wickets leaving the hosts on 19 for 2. But a third wicket partnership of 74 between Ali Raza (44) and Ben Spear (36) swung the game right back in Sully's favour.

The final score of 144 for 5 was reached with five overs still remaining. A special mention must be made of Andy Thomas, who scored an entertaining 20 on his debut for the club.

Sully Centurions II 144-5 Pontymister & Cross Keys II 140-7

On Sunday the Second XI finally managed to complete their re-arranged match at Machen and once again finished on top to keep them snapping at the heels of the leaders

The home club were all out for 136 and Centurions reached the target for the loss of only four wickets.

Machen II 136 all out Sully Centurions II 142-4.

Next Saturday, the First XI play Barry Wanderers at Burnham Avenue, hoping to avenge the defeat inflicted by their near neighbours earlier in the season.

The Second XI make the trip down the road to Hayes Point to play the Wanderers Second XI. All players are asked to contact Dave Sylvester or Jake Griffith with their availability.